Ocado Victory in Autostore Proceedings

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Total Victory for Ocado in UK High Court proceedings; Autostore loses on all Counts.

Judgment was handed down after close of business today. Ocado has comprehensively won the patent infringement suit brought by AutoStore at the UK High Court. His Honour Judge Hacon held that the Autostore patents were invalid and, in any event, Ocado did not infringe them.

Autostore had originally asserted six patents against Ocado in October 2020. Of these six patents, two were invalidated by the European Patent Office before judgment was handed down, two were withdrawn by Autostore shortly before the hearing started and the remaining two patents were invalidated by Judge Hacon in today's judgment. Judge Hacon decided that even if he had not invalidated these remaining patents, Ocado's OSP did not infringe them - and that Ocado's bots also did not infringe the patents that Autostore had withdrawn from the case.

This decision follows Ocado's victory over AutoStore in the International Trade Commission in the USA last year. Ocado's claims against AutoStore for infringing Ocado's IP are continuing in Germany and New Hampshire, USA.

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