



Public announcement: Gotec Intellectual Property Rights

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Dear customers

During the last 12 months, Gotec SA again filed and received several key patents protecting the technology embedded in some of its most successful game of pumps.

Swiss manufacturer GOTEC is very proud to announce that European Patent EP-B1-1761703 and international Application WO2009087203 have been published resp. granted during the last twelve months. Those new titles cover various improvements used in many different types of high quality pumps made by Gotec, and add to Gotec's intellectual property portfolio covering various aspects of the technology embedded in its successful range of products. Moreover, a number of additional patent applications which have been filed during the same period will be progressively published during the next 18 months.

Despite those efforts, Gotec noted that several companies in Taiwan and in various other countries have been producing and proposing counterfeit copies of some of Gotec's most successful products, including without restriction its ETS 17 pump. Gotec is determined to take any necessary step for defending its rights, and to prevent unauthorised distribution of any pump that may infringe Gotec's right, or of any machine embedding such a pump.

Gotec also warns its customers about the usually poor quality of those copies, and about deceptive specifications which are sometimes used for promoting those copies. Pumps which have been presented as equivalent to Gotec's genuine products have been tested in Gotec's quality control department, and proved to be clearly inferior in term of flow rate, maximal pressure, wet suction pressure, dry run and power consumption.

Genuine quality can only be found in the genuine product!

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