

## **PennEngineering® Initiates Patent and Trademark Infringement Action Against Dongguan Fenggang Pinconn Hardware Factory and Enforces Preliminary Injunction Against Pinconn**

PennEngineering® (Danboro, PA) has initiated a federal infringement action against Dongguan Fenggang Pinconn Hardware Factory (trading as “Pinconn”). The complaint alleges patent infringement, trademark infringement, false designation of origin, and counterfeiting under United States law, as well as common law trademark infringement and unfair competition. PennEngineering alleged that a total of at least nine patents and trademarks were being infringed, including PennEngineering’s famous PEM® family of trademarks. PennEngineering served the complaint on Pinconn at Pinconn’s trade show booth on October 18, 2017, during the annual International Fastener Expo here.

Simultaneously, PennEngineering served Pinconn with a Preliminary Injunction Order issued by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and effected removal of all Pinconn’s signage, advertising materials, and infringing product at its trade show booth. The Pennsylvania Court Order enjoined Pemco Hardware Inc., Dongguan Fenggang Pemco Hardware Factory, and Shenzhen Pemco Fastening Systems Co., Ltd. (collectively “Pemco”) from commercializing similar infringing products.

The Order was enforced against Pinconn because the Order applied to corporations and companies “acting in concert with” Pemco. Pinconn’s website showed the close relationship between Pinconn and Pemco. The Pennsylvania Court Order was issued as the result of Pemco’s failure to respond to an infringement complaint filed in Pennsylvania or to appear at a preliminary injunction hearing in Pennsylvania.

These actions are part of an ongoing strategy by PennEngineering to zealously protect its intellectual property rights, including patents, brand names, product markings, logos, copyrights, etc. PennEngineering invests heavily in innovation to provide customers with leading-edge products. These actions are aimed at protecting PennEngineering customers by assuring they are receiving genuine PEM® products.

Internationally recognized and respected fastener and installation equipment brands under the PennEngineering umbrella include PEM®, microPEM®, PEMSERTER®, PROFIL®, Atlas®, PennAuto™, LinkTool™ Group, and Heyco®.

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