

KANEKA CORPORATION

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**Kaneka Files a Patent Infringement Lawsuit
in the Field of Flame-Retardant Polyester Fibers for Artificial Hair
against Companies in South Korea and the United States**

Kaneka Corporation (headquarters: Osaka, Japan; President: Mr. Kimikazu Sugawara) announced today that it has filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas on July 20, 2010 (CST). The lawsuit accuses UNO & COMPANY, LTD. a South Korean Corporation, and JBS HAIR, INC. a Georgia Corporation, of infringing two of Kaneka's U.S. patents. The patents, 7,759,429 and 7,759,430, relate to flame-retardant polyester fibers for artificial hair. In the lawsuit, Kaneka seeks damages and an injunction against future infringement.

Kaneka issued a statement that its early research in the field of flame-retardant polyester fibers brought about a successful launch of Futura® as a result of establishment of production technique in 2004. The statement emphasized that Kaneka values its intellectual property assets and is committed to protecting them against infringers.