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Zetco Pty Ltd (Zetco)
v
Austworld Commodities Pty Ltd (Austworld)

Sydney – 5 September 2011

On 1 August 2011, the Federal Court of Australia found that Austworld infringed Zetco's Australian patent through the distribution and sale of its range of Logi nut and tail ball valves for use in continuous flow and instantaneous water heaters.

Austworld had denied infringement and cross-claimed seeking orders revoking Zetco's patent. The Court dismissed Austworld's cross-claim and found the patent to be valid.

On 12 August 2011, the Court made final orders restraining Austworld from selling the infringing valves.

Zetco will continue to be vigilant about protecting its intellectual property rights. Zetco is the owner of Australian patent no. 2006200845.

A copy of the judgment can be found at <http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/cases/cth/FCA/2011/848.html>.

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