



HFA and NIDEC Sankyo Shoji Corp. Enter Licensing Arrangement for Imported Musical Movements

December 19, 2006 - The Harry Fox Agency, Inc. (HFA), a leading U.S. music rights licensing organization, announced today that it has entered into a licensing arrangement with NIDEC Sankyo Shoji Corp., a musical movement manufacturer, for the use of musical compositions in their products that are imported and distributed in the U.S. Musical movements are the wind-up mechanisms that produce music in products such as music boxes, figurines, and toys. HFA's over 30,000 affiliated publishers will have the option of authorizing HFA to represent them for this licensing arrangement.

Under the agreement, U.S.-based distributors of Sankyo Brand musical movements will be able to obtain licenses directly from HFA for the importation of musical movements from Sankyo affiliates. License rates will be based on the number of notes utilized in the excerpt, starting from 20¢ per 18-note movement. In connection with this arrangement, copyright infringement litigation pending in the Southern District of New York has been dismissed.

“HFA is happy to have reached this arrangement with NIDEC Sankyo to offer musical movement licensing on behalf of our publishers,” said Gary Churgin, President & CEO, HFA. “This is another opportunity for HFA to offer services that streamline the licensing process for the underlying composition and promote the legal use of music.”

“Sankyo is pleased to establish a relationship with HFA that will facilitate the proper licensing of music for our imported musical movements,” said Tony Bernardo, the U.S. manufacturer's representative for NIDEC Sankyo Shoji Corp.

About HFA

Established in 1927 by the National Music Publishers' Association, HFA represents over 30,000 music publishers in the U.S. for their mechanical licensing needs, as well as for uses such as ringtones, background music and lyrics, issuing licenses and collecting and distributing royalties. HFA also provides collection and monitoring services to its publisher clients for music distributed and sold in over 95 territories around the world. For more information about HFA, or to become an affiliate publisher or a licensee, see www.harryfox.com.

About NIDEC Sankyo Shoji Corp.:

NIDEC Sankyo Shoji Corp. has defined Japan's history of musical movement production for more than half a century. As the world's leading manufacturer, the Company provides high-quality products and beautiful music to markets all over the world. As a key developer of musical movements, NIDEC Sankyo Shoji Corp. recognizes the unlimited potential of music movements. Utilizing unparalleled technology, NIDEC Sankyo Shoji Corp. is continually striving to improve sound quality and create new markets for music movements.

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