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# Tennant Company Granted Interim Injunction Against Kärcher's False Statements About ec-H2O(TM) Advertising

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## German Court Prohibits Kärcher from Spreading Disparaging Information

MINNEAPOLIS, Apr 10, 2012 (BUSINESS WIRE) --Tennant Company (NYSE: TNC), a world leader in designing, manufacturing and marketing of solutions that help create a cleaner, safer, healthier world, today announced that the Regional Court in Cologne, Germany, has granted Tennant an interim injunction against Alfred Kärcher GmbH & Co. KG. The court's decision, effective immediately, means that Kärcher is no longer allowed to state that Tennant has weakened its ec-H2O(TM) advertising claims, and Kärcher must immediately remove all such statements from the Internet. If future violations to the court's decision occur, Kärcher could be forced to pay a fine of up to EUR 250,000 EUR (approximately \$327,000 USD) to the German state.

Tennant sought and was granted the injunction after Kärcher refused Tennant's request to cease and desist in spreading false information about Tennant's ec-H2O advertising.

Commented Chris Killingstad, Tennant Company's president and chief executive officer: "We are pleased with the court's actions to halt the spread of disparaging statements by a competitor. We stand behind our ec-H2O technology and the many benefits that ec-H2O provides customers worldwide."

Tennant's proprietary ec-H2O technology electrically converts water into an innovative cleaning solution that cleans effectively, saves money, improves safety and reduces environmental impact.

**Company Profile** Minneapolis-based Tennant Company (NYSE: TNC) is a world leader in designing, manufacturing and marketing solutions that help create a cleaner, safer, healthier world. Its products include equipment for maintaining surfaces in industrial, commercial and outdoor environments; chemical-free and other sustainable cleaning technologies; and coatings for protecting, repairing and upgrading floors. Tennant's global field service network is the most extensive in the industry. Tennant has manufacturing operations in Minneapolis, Minn.; Holland, Mich.; Louisville, Ky; Uden, The Netherlands; the United Kingdom; São Paulo, Brazil; and Shanghai, China; and sells products directly in 15 countries and through distributors in more than 80 countries. For more information, visit <http://www.tennantco.com>.

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