



FISKER AUTOMOTIVE, FISKER COACHBUILD, HENRIK FISKER AND BERNHARD KOEHLER CLEARED IN 2008 LAWSUIT

Tesla Motors Brought Charges in Bad Faith; Ordered to Pay \$1.1M

IRVINE, CA. Jan. 12, 2009: In December 2008 a California judge completely absolved of any wrongdoing Fisker Automotive, Fisker Coachbuild, Henrik Fisker and Bernhard Koehler in a lawsuit brought by Tesla Motors that accused them of stealing confidential information and delivering substandard designs.

In arbitration, the Honorable William F. McDonald (Ret.) ruled in favor of the defendants on all counts and ordered Tesla to reimburse attorney fees and related expenses totaling more than \$1.1 million.

McDonald found no evidence that Fisker used any confidential information belonging to Tesla in the Karma plug-in hybrid project. He also stated there was no evidence to show that Tesla had any PHEV technology before Fisker Coachbuild and Quantum Technologies formed Fisker Automotive in 2007.

The judge also ruled the evidence was overwhelming that Fisker did nothing wrong, and that Tesla's assertions of violations of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act by Fisker were baseless and were neither brought nor pursued in good faith.

Thomas Newmeyer, of Newmeyer & Dillion, LLP, litigation counsel for Fisker, ~~stated~~said: "I could not be more pleased with Judge McDonald's final award. By granting my clients' every cent of the fees and costs submitted for approval, Judge McDonald reinforced his conviction that my clients were completely innocent of any wrongdoing and that Tesla brought and pursued its trade secret claims in bad faith."

[A copy of the verdict can be found online at www.](#)

About Fisker Automotive, Inc.

Fisker Automotive, founded in 2007 by Fisker Coachbuild, LLC and Quantum Technologies, is a privately owned American car company producing premium green automobiles. North American corporate headquarters are located in Irvine, CA with Henrik Fisker as the Chief Executive Officer. The company has backing from Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, Palo Alto Investors and QIA. More information is available at www.fiskerautomotive.com. ###