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## **Fieldpiece Instruments and CHY Firemate Cleared by Jury in Orange County Patent Trial**

DALLAS (June 1, 2018) – A jury in the Central District of California cleared Fieldpiece Instruments and CHY Firemate today of infringing an infrared leak detector patent owned by Twin Rivers Engineering.

Twin Rivers Engineering sued Fieldpiece and CHY in the Eastern District of Texas in November 2015 alleging claims for patent infringement, antitrust, and unfair competition and seeking damages in excess of \$50 million. The case was transferred to the Central District of California in June 2016.

The four-day trial started on May 29 and the jury rendered a verdict today finding that Fieldpiece and CHY did not infringe Twin Rivers' Patent No 7,022,993.

“We are ecstatic with this victory over Twin Rivers. We were confident from the beginning that our clients did not infringe the patent and were wrongly accused. Fieldpiece and CHY have always done business the right way and were willing to take their case to the jury rather than be extorted into paying money for a false claim,” said lead counsel Chris Joe with Buether Joe & Carpenter after the trial.

The defense team included Mr. Joe, Niky Bagley and Ken Kula. Twin Rivers was represented at trial by Larry Harbin of Harbin & Hein and Peter Farkas or Halloran Farkas + Kittila LLP.

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