

## JDT wins patent infringement proceedings against Thiele



For years, JDT's F-Class-chain is the benchmark for conveyor chains. Following the success of the F-Class-chain Thiele began to manufacture its S-Flat-Type chain. JDT's F-class-chain has patent protection in numerous countries, including Germany. Therefore, JDT objected Thiele's S-Flat-Type chain being an infringement of JDT's German F-Class-patent (DE 103 84 481 B). Thiele in turn challenged this patent unsuccessfully: The Federal Court of Justice confirmed the validity of JDT's F-Class-patent in a final judgement. Thiele has

then signed a cease and desist letter, declaring, that the offending chains will no longer be manufactured, sold or otherwise used. In the infringement law suit Thiele acknowledged all other motions of JDT's infringement complaint, including a product recall. The infringement court in charge issued a judgement against Thiele finding them liable for patent infringement of their S-Flat-Type chain in respect of JDT's F-Class-patent. JDT will continue to obtain patent protection for their innovative chain concepts.