

## **Medinol Says Wins Patent Infringement Suit Against Cordis**

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NEW YORK -(Dow Jones)- Israeli stent maker Medinol said a court in the Netherlands found that a Johnson & Johnson (JNJ) unit infringed its intellectual stent property in a preliminary judgment.

Consequently, Johnson & Johnson's Cordis division must stop all infringement activity, including sales and distribution, of its BX-Velocity stent 48 hours after it receives the latest court decision and after Medinol posts bond.

In a press release Monday, Medinol said the injunction will remain in effect until the final judgment in the case. As part of the preliminary decision, Medinol would get about \$45,900 per breach or \$4,600 for every infringing stent.

Medinol's Chief Executive Judith Richter told Dow Jones Newswires that Cordis must pay those penalties costs only if Cordis continued to sell and market the stent.

Cordis spokesman Marty Schildhouse said the case will still be heard by another court at an unspecified date.

"It is our belief that we will prevail on the merits of this case," Schildhouse told Dow Jones Newswires