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## VMI awarded punitive damages in civil action against Shuangjun

A huge victory in VMI's fight against patent infringement! The Chinese Intellectual Property Court supported VMI on all claims and awarded the full compensation requested by VMI to be paid by Shuangjun Plastic and Rubber Machinery Ltd. Already in 2015, the Chinese Patent Management Bureau ruled that Shuangjun was guilty of patent infringement against VMI's patent for its tire building drum.

This ruling constitutes an enormous triumph in VMI's fight against patent infringement. It confirms our faith in the Chinese judicial system and strengthens us to continue to identify all significant patent infringements and respond rapidly and vigorously in every such case.

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## About VMI

People feel a real pride when they create technical innovations that keep manufacturers ahead in their markets. That's the passion behind the VMI Group and our work with tires, rubber, cans and care products. And the reason VMI is the market leader in complex production machinery. We employ more than 1,200 people around the world, with production facilities in the Netherlands, Germany, Poland, the USA, China and Brazil. These are people who dedicate constant effort to developing new products and solutions to meet current – and future – manufacturing demands.

So you enjoy fast and efficient production, consistent high quality output and profitable return on your investment. Not just on the nuts and bolts of the machinery – but also with long-term and personal relationships with our team of experts.

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