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For more than 20 years, Liko – a Swedish medical-technical company – has successfully specialized in the design and manufacture of safe, easy-to-use assistive devices for lifting and transferring physically disabled persons. Liko is represented by its own subsidiaries and agents in more than 20 countries worldwide.

Arjo versus Liko: Successful outcome for Liko in UK patent action

In 1999 Liko was sued for patent infringement by a competing company, Arjo, who claimed that the Sabina lifts infringed Arjo's patent number 2140773.

The trial of the case was heard in the High Court in London in September 2001 and judgment was given by Mr Justice Laddie on November 8th 2001.

Liko is pleased to announce that in an extensive judgment, Mr Justice Laddie ruled that the Arjo patent was invalid and even if the patent had been valid it was not infringed by the Liko Sabina (or Sabina Comfort) Lifts.

As is usual in English patent litigation, Arjo were ordered to pay a contribution to Liko's legal costs. The judge ordered that £225.000 should be paid to Liko within 28 days pending a full assessment of the sum Arjo must pay to Liko as costs. The court also gave Arjo six weeks from November 8th in which to decide whether or not to appeal the decision to the court of appeal.

Liko is pleased with the commercial certainty this judgment offers to them. They will continue with their marketing and sales of their full range of disabled persons' lifts and accessories in the UK.

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