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Open Notice to the Bicycle Industry

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Dear Customer,

In the last year, Cane Creek Cycling Components has been involved in litigation with Tien Hsin Industries Co., Ltd., and Full Speed Ahead, Inc., which began after Cane Creek terminated its supply contract relationship and its patent license relationship with Tien Hsin for headset products covered by U.S. Patent No. 5,095,770 and corresponding patents in Canada and various countries of Europe.

The parties have now resolved their differences and Cane Creek and Tien Hsin have restored their patent license relationship for headset products covered by the '770 patent. Tien Hsin acknowledges the validity and enforceability of the '770 patent.

Cane Creek acknowledges the validity and enforceability of a patent owned by Tien Hsin, U.S. Patent No. 6,651,525, which is a utility patent relating to a head set assembly for bicycles. Tien Hsin has granted Cane Creek a non-exclusive license to produce and sell products covered by the '525 patent.

If anyone from your company has any further questions, please feel free to contact the following individuals:

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Sincerely,



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