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ITRenew Prevails in Patent Non-Infringement Lawsuit Against Blancco

Suit dismissed after two separate examinations by a Blancco-appointed expert found no evidence of infringement by ITRenew's Teraware

NEWARK, CA – March 9, 2017: ITRenew, an industry leader in IT asset disposition (ITAD) and data sanitization software for large-scale [data center decommissioning](#), today announced that the company's patent non-infringement lawsuit brought against Blancco Technology Group has been dismissed. Blancco had been court-ordered to file infringement claim by March 2, 2017, which would have required the company to produce actual evidence of infringement. Blancco instead filed stipulation for voluntary dismissal after two separate examinations of ITRenew's [Teraware](#) by a third-party digital forensics expert found no evidence of infringement of a Blancco patent covering a particular method for erasing data from solid-state drives (SSDs).

"It is extremely unusual in such cases that a countersuit asserting actual infringement is not filed, which speaks clearly to the irresponsible allegations made by Blancco," said Aidin Aghamiri, vice president of corporate strategy at ITRenew. "By filing the voluntary dismissal, Blancco effectively retracts its unfounded allegations, but that's not what the company will lead the public to believe."

With no good faith basis to assert counterclaims, Blancco contends in a [press release](#) it issued last week that Teraware uses compressible data, and any system that uses data compression is a security liability. According to ITRenew's director of product management Matt Mickelson, who was closely involved in technical analysis of the patent claims, Blancco's position is both inaccurate and misleading.

"ITRenew does not subscribe to the hype of telling customers an uncompressible data overwrite will eliminate the risk of data breach, as it fails to do so for flash-based storage," said Mickelson, chief architect of Teraware's SSD sanitization scheme. "After careful review of the Blancco patent in question, it was immediately understood that the

patented process does in fact allow for a degree of compression. It furthermore executes a firmware erasure command, which would not be necessary if the technique of overwriting uncompressed data were sufficient and absolute."

Mickelson further addresses the issue of compressible data in the blog post [3 Vulnerabilities of SSD Data Sanitization](#).

"Innovation is core to everything we do, and begins with the realization there's a better way to do things," said Aghamiri. "Just because we developed a better process does not mean we infringed a patent. Just because we're not tied to 20-year-old thinking does not mean our process is vulnerable. The certifications we've achieved, and the customer base we've established, validate Teraware among true experts in the field, and on the ability to perform in the most technologically-demanding IT environments. Our clients operate the most hyperscaled data centers in the world and cannot afford to take weeks to erase data onsite, only for that process to fail half the time. We had to build a better mousetrap, and we did."

In October 2014, ITRenew's Teraware became the first software forensically-certified to erase SSDs when an [ADISA Product Claim Test](#) of Teraware showed that data was not retrievable by a Test Level 2 forensic attack. ADISA, a leading accreditation body for the ITAD industry, tested several other erasure tools, including Blancco's. More than two years later, Teraware remains the only data erasure solution to have passed Risk Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 (High) and Test Levels 1 and 2 for the forensic-level sanitization of SSDs.

According to Mickelson, ITRenew is currently engaged in the largest independent forensic-analysis study of data sanitization technology. "We're confident the certified results will further distance Teraware from other erasure software for enterprise-grade data sanitization."

For additional information on the patent non-infringement lawsuit (5:16-cv-03221) filed against Blancco in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, read ITRenew's [press release](#) and [FAQ](#).

About ITRenew's Teraware

ITRenew developed Teraware in 2007 to solve a need for enterprise-grade data sanitization. Teraware has been adopted by the world's largest cloud companies as the default data erasure solution due to its cutting-edge architecture and feature set. This includes the ability to erase 100,000 hard drives in as few as four hours, with an industry-best 95-plus percent erasure success rate, compared to only a 50-60 percent success rate by other leading erasure tools. Teraware has been recognized by Gartner as a competitive differentiator and is used to sanitize more than four million drives a year.

About ITRenew

Headquartered in the heart of Silicon Valley, ITRenew supports the onsite data erasure and data center decommissioning needs of some of the most large-scale, data-rich, privacy-obsessed organizations on the planet. Our technology-driven approach streamlines traditional ITAD processes to deliver superior data and asset security, value recovery and IT sustainability. To learn more, visit ITRenew.com.

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