

## **ASX / MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **COCHLEAR TO VIGOROUSLY DEFEND PATENT INFRINGEMENT COMPLAINT**

Cochlear Limited (ASX:COH) today advised that a complaint for patent infringement has been filed by Adaptive Sonics LLC in the US District Court, Eastern District of Texas (Dallas).

The complaint names Cochlear Limited and its USA subsidiary Cochlear Americas Corporation (known as Cochlear Americas) as defendants. Whilst the complaint has been filed it has not been served upon either company.

Adaptive Sonics LLC alleges that one identified patent has been infringed, specifically United States Patent No 5,473,701 entitled "Adaptive Microphone Array" filed on 3 November 1993.

Cochlear believes that the allegations of infringement are without merit and intends to vigorously defend against the complaint.

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### **About Cochlear Limited (ASX: COH)**

Cochlear is the global leader in implantable hearing solutions. It has a dedicated global team of more than 2,500 people who deliver the gift of sound to the hearing impaired in over 100 countries around the world. Our vision is to connect people, young and old, to a world of sound by offering life enhancing hearing solutions.

Over almost 30 years this vision has seen Cochlear help over 250,000 people either hear for the first time or reconnect them to their families, friends, workplaces and communities.

To this end, Cochlear offers solutions for different types of hearing loss. These include: cochlear implants, bone conduction implants, implants for electro-acoustic stimulation, auditory brain stem implants and implants for direct acoustic stimulation. Whether these hearing solutions were implanted 25 years ago or today, the company's commitment to backward compatibility ensures new upgrades and innovations can be offered to Cochlear recipients.

Cochlear's mission of "Hear now. And always" embodies the company's commitment to providing its recipients with the best possible hearing performance today and for the rest of their lives.

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