Aruze Corporation entered a patent license agreement with International Game Technology (“IGT”), a global company specializing in the design, development, manufacturing, distribution and sales of computerized gaming machines and systems products, as of May 25, 2006.

Aruze agreed to grant IGT a license under its United States Patent No. 4,721,307. In return, IGT agreed to pay Aruze a royalty and license Aruze under two US patents owned by IGT with no royalty.

Aruze intends to contact other gaming development companies who may be using US Patent No. 4,721,307 patent without permission.

US Patent No. 4,721,307 pertains to a slot machine in which more coins are paid out than usual. For instance, when a special mark such as DOUBLE/TRIPLE/+10 is drawn with conventional winning symbols, the number of coins to be paid out becomes double, triple or 10 coins more than the number of coins paid out by conventional winning symbols alone.

This function is regarded as one of the most popular and widely used features in gaming machines.