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Samsung Display, an affiliate of <u>Samsung Electronics</u>, asked a Seoul patents court last week to annul seven patents related to organic light-



emitting diode (OLED) panel technologies held by LG, a company spokesman said Monday.

Samsung argued that the technologies lacked the originality and innovation to warrant a patent.

"These are typical legal steps to defend a company's stance in a patent infringement suit," the Samsung spokesman told AFP.

The move came after LG Display—one of the world's top flat-screen <u>TV</u> makers—filed a patents suit in September against the two Samsung units for allegedly infringing seven of its OLED-related technologies.

LG said that five of Samsung's products, including its global hit Galaxy S-series smartphones and <u>tablet computer</u> Galaxy Tab, infringed its patents.

Later in the same month, Samsung filed a court complaint accusing LG of luring away senior Samsung OLED researchers even though they had signed contracts preventing them working for a rival.

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