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## **Press Release**

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### **Tokyo High Court dismissed appeal against the court ruling, raised by Japan MMO**

*March 31, 2005* - The Tokyo High Court (chief judge Hisao Sato) today judged to dismiss an appeal against the court ruling raised by Japan MMO (Hachioji-city, Tokyo) and its principal Michihito Matsuda, who were offering file-sharing services on the Internet, called the FILEROGUE.

On December 17, 2003, the Tokyo District Court issued its judgment and ordered Japan MMO and Michihito Matsuda to cease their service and jointly pay 36.89 million Japanese yen in total for damages on records of 19 contract artists, each of which 19 plaintiffs (RIAJ member record companies and their affiliates) chose to claim for remedy. The defendants disagreed with this court ruling and appealed against it, which the Tokyo High Court today judged to dismiss.

RIAJ applauds today's judgment of the Tokyo High Court as it found that the former judgment of the Tokyo District Court was proper and arguments by the 19 RIAJ members and their affiliates were valid, having claimed that the defendants' service was illegal.

RIAJ will continuously take drastic measures against such illegal use of music on the Internet that corrupts the "cycle of music creation" and leads to decline of the music culture.

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