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COMPANY NEWS; JURY SIDES WITH MASIMO IN ANTITRUST SUIT AGAINST TYCO UNIT

A federal jury in Los Angeles decided yesterday that the Nellcor unit of Tyco International owed the Masimo Corporation \$140 million for engaging in anticompetitive behavior in the market for machines that measure the oxygen content in blood. The amount is automatically tripled to \$420 million under antitrust law, said Marc Seltzer, a lawyer for Masimo. Masimo, based in Irvine, Calif., argued during the four-week trial that Nellcor used its market dominance to prevent hospitals from buying its rival's pulse oximeters.