

**US court overturns US\$920 mln award to DuPont**  
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A US federal appeals court yesterday overturned a ruling that ordered South Korea's Kolon Industries to pay US\$920 million (RM3 billion) to rival US chemical giant DuPont for alleged theft of trade secrets.

In September 2011, a jury found Kolon had stolen DuPont's trade secrets on the manufacture of Kevlar aramid fibre and ordered the company to pay damages and interest.

But the Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, found that the district court had "abused its discretion, to Kolon's prejudice" and granted Kolon a new trial, according to a court document seen by AFP.

Kevlar is used in a number of products, including tires, fibre optic cables and spacesuits. – AFP, April 4, 2014.

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