## Electrolux to pay UK inventor Dollars 30m - NEWS DIGEST.

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Electrolux, the world's largest maker of household appliances, yesterday agreed to pay Dollars 30m to John North, the British inventor who claims the Swedish group had wrongly used his designs for an upright vacuum cleaner.

The settlement prevents a court case in El Paso, Texas and Mr North has agreed to drop all future claims. Electrolux said there were no merits in Mr North's charges but the settlement "brought the matter to an end with a known outcome rather than the uncertainty of a jury decision". Nicholas George, Stockholm