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AMMAN – Under the patronage of HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org), Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) and the Republican Scientific Research Institute of Intellectual Property (RSRIIP) in Russia signed an agreement on Strategic Innovation Cooperation in which both parties will cooperate in the field of Intellectual Property.

The Agreement was signed by Mr. Luay Abu-Ghazaleh, AGIP CEO and Managing Partner, and Mr. Vladimir Lopatin, Director of RSRIIP, in the presence of representatives from the Russian Embassy in Jordan and a number of AGIP managers.

Mr. Abu-Ghazaleh welcomed Mr. Lopatin by stressing the importance of Intellectual Property and its role in fostering innovation, and emphasizing AGIP's willingness to provide its support and assistance to RSRIIP.

The Agreement is intended to build up a framework of cooperation for the exchange of experience and good



practices in the field of Intellectual Property, as well as to formulate methods and mechanisms to protect Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs).

According to the Agreement, both parties will work together on the establishment and development of innovation infrastructure and undertake to transfer expertise related to training of innovative personnel in the fields of law and Intellectual Property management.

“We are very pleased with this new channel of cooperation which will ultimately serve in fostering Intellectual Property environment, where creativity and innovation can flourish. This agreement manifests both parties’ unwavering commitment to strengthen and improve Intellectual Property protection,” said Mr. Abu-Ghazaleh.

Mr. Lopatin valued the corporation with AGIP, stressing that this agreement will open new cooperation opportunities in the field of Intellectual Property development market and protection; which will reflect on the economic growth.

AGIP, which falls under the umbrella of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org), is the global IP service provider that provides a broad range of IP services from registration and prosecution to maintenance, licensing and counseling services related to all IP rights in all countries of the world.

RSRIIP is a center of scientific and methodological support on Intellectual Property issues for state bodies, state clients and performers of state contracts, public and commercial organizations in the Russian Federation and abroad.

Abu-Ghazaleh Receives Afghan Ambassador to Jordan, Discusses Office Expansion in Kabul

AMMAN - HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh received HE the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to Jordan, Mr. Abdullah Habibi and discussed the future plans of TAG-Org’s office expansion and relocation in Afghanistan.

TAG-Org established its office in Afghanistan in 2010, which started with Intellectual Property services, and became the only international office operating in Kabul. We have now moved to a new office in order to accommodate our expansion of services in Afghanistan, as we are going to start a new line of services including language teaching, particularly Arabic, English and Chinese, in addition to electronic archiving.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh said: “We are also proud that we provided many services for the Afghan authorities since 2010, such as auditing services for the Central Bank of Afghanistan. We also implemented an automated computerized system for the Trademarks Office.”

“We believe that Afghanistan is an important country in many ways, and what is going on now will be great for Afghanistan and the people of Afghanistan. Our studies reveal that we expect a recovery and boom in Afghanistan starting 2021,” he added.

HE the Ambassador valued the relationship between Jordan and Afghanistan, and TAG-Org’s vital role in social and economic development, saying: “Thank you, your Excellency for introducing your line of business in Afghanistan. I am very proud and very happy about your successful work experience and future plans in Afghanistan which strengthen the business relationship between Afghanistan and Jordan.”



With its 100 offices worldwide, TAG-Org is one of the most experienced and international organizations offering services in the fields of Accounting, External Audit, Internal Audit, Corporate Governance, Taxation, Educational Consultancy, Economic and Strategic Studies, Management Advisory Services, Professional and Technical Training, Technology Transfer Project Management, Real Estate, Management, Investors and Business Advisory Services, Human Resources and Recruitment Services, E-Government, E-Commerce, E-Education, IT and Security Audit, Web Design, Professional Interpretation and Translation, Website Arabization, Domain Names Registration, ICT Strategic Planning, ERP Consulting Services, IT and Internet Skills Training and Examinations, Intellectual Property Rights Protection and Management, Legal Services, among others.

AGIP Awarded Best IP Advisor in the Middle East for the Second Year



PARIS – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) was awarded the Best IP Advisor in the Middle East during the second edition of the Innovation & IP Forum and Awards held in Paris, France on January 30, 2019.

More than 70 specialist jury-panels; general counsel and chief IP counsel elected the winners due to their provision of excellent IP services and lasting contribution to the IP community.

On behalf of AGIP, Ms. Rasha Bazian, Proposals Department Manager, received the award saying: “I am honored to receive this prestigious award on behalf of AGIP and to share our success story with the International Intellectual Property community. This award crowns our continuous efforts to provide the best competitive services to our valued clients globally.”



A member of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org), AGIP is the leader in Intellectual Property protection services in the world providing an extensive range of IP services for the protection, commercialization and enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights, covering patents, trademarks, designs, copyrights and domain names.

AGIP Launches Brand Protection Department

AMMAN – Signifying another major milestone for Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) in the field of intellectual property rights protection, AGIP is pleased to announce that it will launch the new department of Brand Protection.

Brand Protection Department will provide clients with strategic plan for protecting their trademarks on administrative, judicial as well as commercializing level, with the view of conferring clients with a comprehensive legal protection system for their brands' portfolios.

As we recognize the vital role trademark plays in representing products among the varied consumers and industries, we have devoted a professional team that will provide you with a customized approach on protecting and enforcing your brand in the markets. Our experienced team can help you with all trademark-related matters including services below:

- Legal Consultations.
- Litigation Services.
- Market Investigation.



- Cease and Desist Letters.
- Drafting Franchise Agreement.
- Customs Measures.

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AGIP Participates in the First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) office in Malaysia participated in the First IP and Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, January 31 to February 1, 2019.

AGIP Malaysia office manager, Ms. Nur Atiqah Samian, represented AGIP in the conference which hosted over 150 participants from different countries in Asia, Europe, North America and Australia.

The 2-day IPIRA Conference focused on a variety of topics related to trademarks, patents, new technologies, copyrights, new developments of IPRs protection - mostly in Asia, commercialization, innovation, international trade and enforcement of IPRs. The conference also featured two plenary sessions; the first session focused on the relationship between academic research and policymaking as well as the importance of connecting the academic community with the policy markers both at the international and national levels. Meanwhile, the second plenary session discussed the challenges and opportunities for IP teaching and researches.



Commenting on her participation in the conference, Ms. Nur said: “It was a good opportunity to meet with academician, IP practitioner, and policy makers from different communities to share experiences and knowledge in a wide range of Intellectual Property issues, and promote AGIP and TAG-Org services.”

It is worth mentioning that AGIP has recently launched its new office in Malaysia, which provides Intellectual Property services, covering trademark, patent, industrial design and model, copyright and domain name registration, prosecution, counseling, litigation and licensing.

AGIP Participates in AIPLA Mid-Winter Meeting

FLORIDA – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP), represented by its Vice-president Marketing and Executive Director, Mr. Nabil Salamé, participated in the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Mid-Winter 2019 meeting, held in Tampa, Florida, January 30 - February 2, 2019.

Commenting on his participation at this event, Mr. Salamé said: “It was a very successful event that attracted more than four hundred participants. Although the majority was from the United States, there were some participants from Latin America and few from Europe and Asia.”

“It was a great opportunity to reconnect with many associates and update them on the latest developments at TAG-Org and AGIP, and to meet new IP firms’ representatives and introduce them to our global organization and diversified services”, he added.



Egypt: New Import Regulations

CAIRO – In light of recent developments concerning the imports into Egypt, the Ministry of Trade and Industry recently issued the Ministerial Decree No. 44 of 2019, setting up new regulations to combat the illicit imported products into Egypt.

In accordance with the Ministerial Decree, the trademark owners have to record the name of the manufacturer and the corresponding trademark registration in Egypt of the imported products, at the General Organization for Export and Import Control (GOEIC).

This new Decree comes to reinforce the previous Ministerial Decree No. 43 of 2016, and adds new goods to the list already included at the previous Decree. The new goods that require registration with GOEIC are as follows:

- Bags
- Items for the transfer and packaging goods (containers, boxes, bags, and similar products)
- Shaving and hair care appliances
- Mobile phones

In this regard, AGIP assists clients in recording their trademarks in Egypt with the General Organization



for Export and Import Control (GOEIC), as the first frontier in the fight against counterfeiting and infringement. Once a trademark is recorded with the GOEIC, the entrance of infringing products will be closely controlled and the owners will be immediately notified of any such incidents.

The Ministerial Decree has been published in the Official Gazette, on January 15, 2019, and entered into force the following day.

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Tunisia Expected to Increase Official Fees

TUNIS - The National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) in Tunisia announced that it will increase the official fees for all IP matters, including trademarks, patents and industrial designs, by approximately 100%, due to the devaluation of the local currency during the past years.

The Office stated that it has sent the proposal of suggested fees to the Ministry of Industry, which in turn would refer the matter to the Parliament to issue the related law.

It is expected that the new fees will be adopted in the next two months, taking into consideration that the current fees are adopted since April 17, 2001.



Meanwhile, it is advisable to expedite filing or renewal instructions prior to the implementation of new official fees.

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Brexit Implications for Intellectual Property Rights

LONDON – The decision of the United Kingdom to exit the European Union will have significant consequences for many businesses in the United Kingdom, and will influence the landscape of European Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs).

Although the uncertainty about the Brexit remains, both IP practitioners and IP owners need to prepare for two possible main scenarios:

In the event of a ‘deal’ scenario, there will be no substantive changes for the owners of Community trademarks or designs. All Community trademarks and designs, registered before the end of the transition period (expected to be December 31, 2020), will automatically be converted into national trademarks in the UK without any examination and without any cost to the right holder.

However, in case ‘no-deal’ is reached, the two regulations on the Community trademark and design will no longer be applicable by the UK starting from March 29, 2019. Registered trademarks will continue as national trademarks in the UK, and pending EU trademark



applications can be re-filed in the UK during the 9 months following the Brexit date.

In this regard, we advise our clients to consider filing a national trademark application in the UK separately from the pending EU application, if they have specific interest in the UK and would prefer obtain certainty on their trademarks status in the UK; in particular, with respect to use/non-use and enforcement, in order to avoid any risk of possible loss of priority dates or rights.

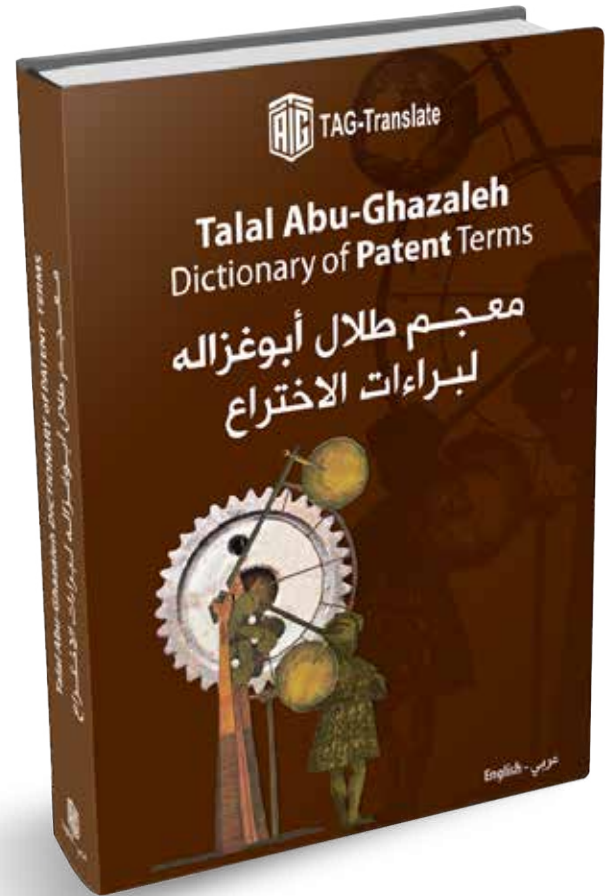
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| Who | Event | Where | When |
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| Luay Abu-Ghazaleh (CEO & Managing Partner) Dima Naber (AGIP Counsel & International Business Development Executive Director) Francesca Gesue (Italy Office) | PTMG Spring Conference | Rome, Italy | March 11-12, 2019 |
| Luay Abu-Ghazaleh (CEO & Managing Partner) Motasem Abu-Ghazaleh (National Business Development Executive Director) Dima Naber (AGIP Counsel & International Business Development Executive Director) | UNIFAB Annual Meeting | Paris, France | March 14-15, 2019 |
| Ali Hijazi (Special Clients Department) | INTA’s 2019 March Conference: The Business of Brands | New York, USA | March 28-29, 2019 |
| Charles Shaban (AGIP Executive Director) | FICPI ExCo | Turin, Italy | March 30-April 3, 2019 |

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Dictionary of Patent Terms Published



Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) has recently issued Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Dictionary for Patent Terms, which is the sixth in a series of specialized dictionaries conducted by the Organization.

The new Dictionary contains around 20 thousand words and terms, including a section on continuous controversy over the concept of patent, its legitimacy and application. It also comprises other sections regarding green patents, patent governance, patent portfolio management, analysis of information related to patents and patent audit, as well as a crucial section including the most prominent crimes concerning patents and another section on litigation and arbitration of patent disputes.

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