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TAG-Org on Forbes List of the Top 100 Companies Making Impact in the Arab World



KUWAIT – June 21, 2016 - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) was listed, as the only organization in the Middle East for all the professional and educational services, on Forbes List of the 'Top 100 Making an Impact in the Arab World'. The listed companies were honored at a Gala Dinner held at Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa, Kuwait.

During the event, the most prominent names in business

were announced in the presence of many distinguished guests, including HE Sheikh Mohammad A. Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, Kuwaiti Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, and Dr. Nasser bin Aqeel Al Tayyar, President of Arab Publisher House and Publisher of Forbes Middle East.

HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman of TAG-Org, said: "We provide our services at the highest international levels

throughout the Arab World and globally, we are proud that we earned this unique distinction from the region. It is also an incentive for us to pursue our motto of ‘we work harder to stay first’.”

According to Forbes’ researchers who conducted the list, the methodology of selection was underlined: “We started with 1,316 publicly-traded companies from Saudi

Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Jordan, Egypt, Kuwait, Bahrain, the UAE (Abu Dhabi and Dubai), Lebanon, Morocco, and Tunisia. We excluded publicly-traded subsidiaries of listed companies, those suspended from trading. To rank the top 100, we measured four metrics: sales, net profits, assets and market value. Market value and currency conversions as of April 6, 2016. Each company received four separate scores

based on where it ranked in each metric.”

The list of companies includes the most successful companies on a global and international scale, that contribute to economic development of the region. The companies that made the list are transparent in terms of financial and business activities, and contribute to social and economic development.

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KUWAIT – June 12, 2016 - Kuwait’s Permanent Representative to UN and International Organizations in Geneva, Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim, announced that Kuwait has officially joined the Patent Cooperation Treaty

(PCT), after he handed over the country’s PCT instrument to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Director General, Francis Gurry.

Joining the PCT enables Kuwait to register international patents through the national offices of the member states. The PCT system is considered more cost effective than filing separate national or regional applications.

The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) is an international patent law treaty, concluded in 1970. It provides a unified procedure for filing patent applications to protect inventions in each of its contracting states.

Yemen Ends Use of Class Heading for Trademark Applications

SANAA – June 7, 2016 - Based on the ministerial decision No. 239 of 2011, the General Department for Intellectual Property Protection in Yemen issued a public notice on May 4, 2016, related to the use of

class heading in trademark applications.

According to the notice, the use of class heading in trademark applications will no longer be an accepted practice.

Trademark applications with class heading will be refused, and the applicant should specify the goods/ services for which registration is sought.

This new regulation entered into force in Yemen on June 6, 2016.

The IP Implications of the UK's Decision to Leave the EU



LONDON – June 27, 2016 - Following the vote in the United Kingdom to leave the European Union, the UK government will take steps to stabilize the economy; it will have at least two years to negotiate the terms of that withdrawal with the other members. Until then, the UK remains an EU member state.

If The United Kingdom leaves the European Union, significant changes to some aspects of IP protection and enforcement are expected to take effect in the UK.

How will the UK's exit from the EU affect intellectual property rights?

Patent Protection

- The UK's participation in the existing European Patent system will not be affected, as the system is independent of the EU.
- UK national patents are alike unaffected.
- The current agreements on the Unitary Patent and the Unified Patent Court are based on the

UK being a member of the system. Although the process of ratification of the treaty has been ongoing in some countries, it is uncertain at this stage if the Unitary Patent process will continue at all if the UK leaves the EU.

Trademark Protection

- UK national rights will remain active.
- Following the withdrawal from the EU, transitional provisions would be put in place to divide European Union Trade Mark Registrations (EUTMRs) into separate EU registrations and national UK registrations.

Registered Designs

- UK national rights will remain active.
- Following the withdrawal from the EU, transitional provisions would be put in place to divide European Registered Designs, as noted above for EU Trademark Registrations.

Unregistered Design

- UK national rights will remain active.
- Those relying on unregistered design rights in the UK will also need to rethink their strategies.

Copyright

- Such rights are subject to domestic legislations and so, should be unaffected.

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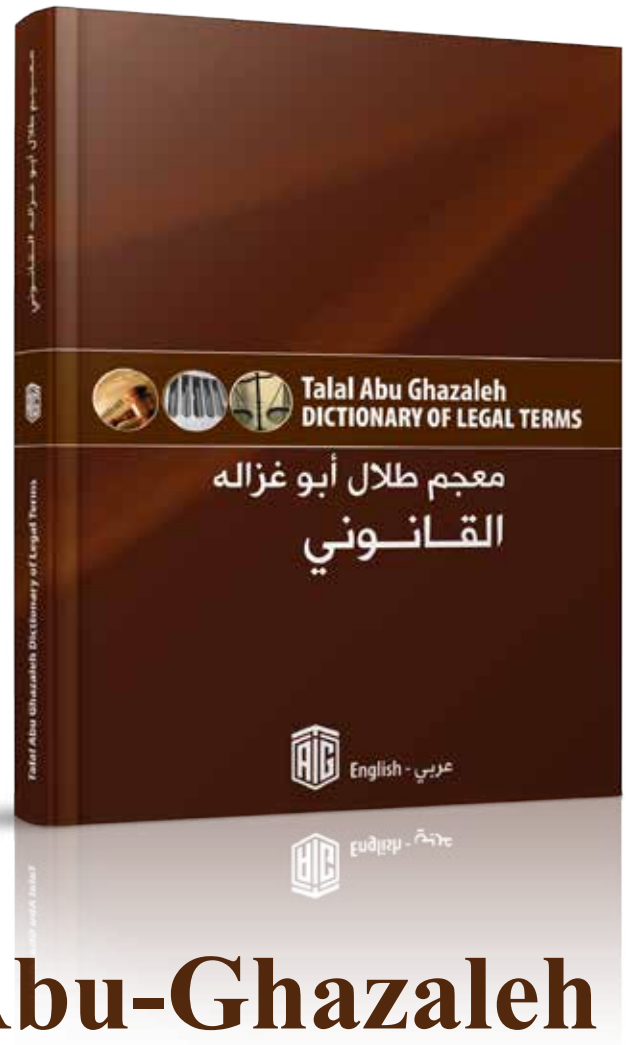
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TAG-Org Releases Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Dictionary of Legal Terms

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) announced the launch of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Dictionary of Legal Terms, the sixth dictionary in a series of professional and specialized publications.

The Dictionary is considered a rich lexicon for the use of judges, lawyers, professors and college students and an insightful resource for researchers and students.

This publication serves business people and companies and keeps abreast of contemporary world legal terminology in the fields of corruption, money laundering and monopoly in addition to legal strategies for companies and world trade, merging and acquisition.

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