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AGIP Files First e-Trademark Application at Saudi TM Office



RIYADH – Saudi Trademark Office announced that it has started receiving electronic filing of new trademark applications.

According to the Office, key attorneys and agents can file their trademark applications through the new system in Saudi Arabia which will be under testing for a limited period of time.

Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) is pleased to be first agent to file an electronic trademark application in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

As a must, the new filing system requires uploading the legalized Power of Attorney to be submitted in original copy.

On the other hand, it is no longer acceptable to cover specific goods or services other than the items indicated in the International Nice Classification (10-Edition). Alternatively, it is possible to use the entire Class Headings of the International Classification (10-Edition).

The new filing system will

capsulize the trademark registration process which may be complex and requires the necessity to meet many requirements within strict time deadlines.

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AGIP Introduces Exclusive “Patent Monitoring Service” in the Arab Region



AMMAN - Due to the increasing demand on patent filing in the Arab region, Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) is pleased to introduce “Patent Monitoring” Service in Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Lebanon, Algeria, Tunisia, Yemen and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Patent Office through the Published Patents Data Center.

Introduced for the first time in the Arab region, the Patent Monitoring Service aims to enable clients to keep an eye on the newly issued patents or any patent applications filed in the

region, when they are published whether in the official gazettes or on national patent offices’ websites.

Patent Monitoring will keep clients alert and aware of any applicant, inventor, classification and specific field of industry that might be of interest when their patent applications are published.

An alert will be delivered to the client via e-mail on monthly basis- yearly subscription- containing an integrated report with the following available bibliographic information: names (inventor/ applicant), numbers and dates (publication, application, priority), title and abstract.

Patent Monitoring provides a cost effective and simple method of keeping your investments safe and gives you a competitive advantage in your industry.

For any assistance, please contact us at e-mail: patents.ippr@agip.com.

Syria Issues New Copyright and Related Rights Law



DAMASCUS – Pursuant to the Presidential Decree No. 62/2013 of September 16, 2013, a new Copyright and Related Right Law was issued in Syria annulling the former Law No. 12/2001.

The Implementing Regulations of the new law will be issued soon by the Minister of Culture in coordination with Minister of Communication and Technology.

The sections of the Law cover a wide scope of copyrights and related rights and the means of protection of copyrights and neighboring rights including books, essays and other written works, computer programs and applications, lectures, dramatic works, music compositions and others.

The new law will be published in the official gazette and enter into force six months after the publication.

AGIP Participates in INTA Board Meeting

ALICANTE – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) represented by its Executive Director Mr. Charles Shaban took part in the Board of Directors meeting of the International Trademark Association (INTA) which was held in Alicante, Spain on September 17, 2013 and the Government Relations Program on September 18, 2013.

The Board of Directors meeting held at the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM), brought together officials from OHIM and European trademark offices such as the UK, Spain and Portugal, as well as the board members who represented the interests of the trademark owners and discussed their concerns and interests with the officials.

According to Mr. Shaban who is a member of the INTA Board of Directors “The meeting created an excellent opportunity to meet friends and colleagues of the INTA Board of Directors, to meet in person officials, and have an excellent meetings in which several issues were discussed and tackled recommendations for the coming years.”

WIPO: Admission of Moroccan Association of Intellectual Property Attorneys as Observer



GENEVA – During the 50th series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), it was decided to admit some national Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to attend the meetings of certain assemblies of WIPO as Observers.

Once an international NGO is admitted to attend the meetings of the Assemblies as an observer, it

is also invited to attend meetings of committees, working groups, or other bodies subsidiary to the Assemblies, as an Observer.

As an organization concerned with Intellectual Property issues and brings together 13 Intellectual Property attorneys practicing in Morocco, the Moroccan Association of Intellectual Property Attorneys (AMACPI) has been chosen as an observer, thus it will have authority to speak for its members through its authorized representatives and in accordance with the rules governing the observer status.

It is worth mentioning that Mr. Ahmad Hussein, manager of AGIP Office in Morocco is the general secretary of the Moroccan Association of Intellectual Property Attorneys (AMACPI) and will offer constructive and substantive contributions to the deliberations of the Assemblies of WIPO through his experience in the Intellectual Property field.

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