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FUJIAN -Concerns that commercial secrets like software code, design plans and medicine formulations might be revealed in court proceedings could be alleviated in Xiamen due to a new judicial order to protect secrecy.

The city's intermediate court adopted the new measure early in the new year, the first of its kind in the nation.

When evidence presented contains commercial secrets, the court can issue a written order - at the request of parties concerned or on its own initiative - to limit or prohibit reading, extracting or copying the information.

Those who are bound by the order are not allowed to use such trade secrets for any purpose other than the litigation, or reveal it to others.

Violating companies face fines of up to 300,000 yuan, or more than \$45,000. For individuals, the maximum fine is set at 10,000 yuan.

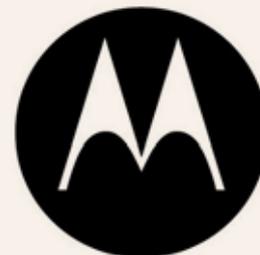
Motorola & WiLAN Settle Litigation

OTTAWA, Canada - WiLAN Inc., a leading technology innovation and licensing company, announced in a press release that it has settled all pending patent litigation with Motorola Inc.

On January 4, 2011, Motorola Inc. split into two companies; Motorola Solutions and Motorola Mobility. As a result of the settlement, both Motorola Solutions and Motorola Mobility have obtained multi-year licenses to WiLAN's patent portfolio and each will make a series of fixed cash payments to WiLAN. Other terms of the agreement are confidential.

Motorola Mobility is the 13th handset vendor to take a license to WiLAN's portfolio.

The settlement includes the dismissal of all litigations between the companies in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.



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Bad Faith Registrations in Bosnia Persist Despite New Law

SARAJEVO- Until recently, Bosnia had only one law on IP rights, the Law on Industrial Property, which entered into force on August 27, 2002 and covered patents, trademarks, designs and geographical indications and designations of origin. The Law, which was in force until January 1, 2011, had no provisions regarding bad faith trademark applications.

Bad faith applications were therefore tolerated and a large number of well-known global brand names passed into the hands of local counterfeit sellers. Legal remedies available in these situations were limited. Bosnian PTO did not recognize bad faith as one of the grounds for cancellation, prosecutors refused to pursue bad faith cases claiming there was no criminal intent and the civil courts were reluctant in issuing decisions in unfair competition claims.

The new Law on Trademarks, in force as of January 1, 2011, listed bad faith as one of the relative grounds for cancellation. However, without the actual use of the mark in Bosnia, it will be difficult to prove bad faith, especially with the PTO that has traditionally favored the local companies.

The most notorious example of this practice is the case of EKOSAN, an importer of textile products from China and Turkey, located in Banja Luka, northwestern Bosnia. The company registered almost 200 trademarks that belong to well-known apparel companies and requested customs monitoring. The company then managed to prohibit import attempts by other companies, including the actual owners of the marks. Among the trademarks EKOSAN registered are brands that are well known globally, but without any local presence, marketing or campaign in Bosnia. The company has even started to register some of the well-known marks in other countries in the region.

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ANKARA - Turkish Patent Institute organized a workshop titled “Current Trademark and Design Cases from Turkey and Europe” between January 24-25, 2011. In the workshop, the current decisions made by the European Court of Justice and German Supreme Courts regarding the registration of trademarks and designs are discussed. The cases are presented by a judge from Munich Federal High Court and an expert from OHIM. The participants discussed each case during the workshop.



The workshop witnessed the participation of AGIP Turkey Office, Ms. Gizem Atasu (Marketing Officer), Ms. Ozlem Arslan (Executive Director of Turkey Office), Ms. Hatice Toksoy (TM & Patent Attorney at AGIP Turkey), Ms. Sibel Kaya (TM Attorney at AGIP Turkey) (from left to right).

Ms. Arslan commented “We need to get up to date in order to be able to deal with the current issues in the field of intellectual property, and being informed regarding the current cases of trademark and design registration would help us provide our clients with more efficient services and exceed their expectations.

“The participation of Turkey Office in the seminar is of great importance in terms of catching up with the latest practices both in Turkey and Europe”, she added.



Files LCD Patent Infringement Lawsuits against **SHARP** Corporation

TOKYO - SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. (SANYO) announced in a press release that it has filed LCD patent infringement lawsuits against Sharp Corporation (SHARP) in the Tokyo District Court. In these lawsuits, SANYO seeks permanent injunctions and compensatory damages for the LCD modules of televisions and mobile phones manufactured and sold by SHARP based on four LCD-related patents owned by SANYO.

These asserted patents relate to the technology that widens the range of the viewing angle of the LCD and improves the display quality. SANYO has pioneered the technology of the wide viewing angle in vertical alignment method, which is used in a lot of LCD televisions and high-definition display mobile phones, and been granting licenses under LCD patents owned by SANYO including these four patents to domestic and overseas major LCD module manufacturers.

Regarding the LCD modules of televisions, based on Japanese Patent (JP) 3,005,418, JP 3,011,720 and JP 4,353,660. Regarding the LCD modules of mobile phones, based on JP 3,011,720 and JP 3,723,336.

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A New TAGLegal Office in Jebel Ali

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Legal (TAGLegal) is pleased to announce the opening of its new office in Jebel Ali- Dubai- UAE. TAGLegal- Jebel Ali offers commercial and corporate legal services besides the legal services for establishing offshore companies in Jebel Ali and Northern Emirates.

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New Staff Members Join Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Legal Team



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Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Legal (TAGLegal) is pleased to announce the joining of the legal counsels Ms. Marjan Tabari and Mr. Nadim Al Jisr to its staff.

Ms. Tabari holds LLB. from Shahid Beheshti Law School in Iran and two Masters; LLM from Harvard Law School and LLM in Corporate Law from McGill University- Canada. She is a member of New York State Bar Association. Ms. Tabari was a member of the research team for "Gulf Capital & Islamic Finance: The Rise of the New Global Players" published in 2009. She handled numerous projects in the field of Islamic Finance, Corporate Law and IP. Ms. Tabari is in charge of the Islamic

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Mr. Al Jisr holds LLB. from Lebanese University. He attained his LLM in International Trade Law from Beirut Arab University. He is a member of Tripoli Bar Association-Lebanon. Mr. Al Jisr has many years of professional experience as a legal practitioner handling various types of legal cases, particularly; handling legal cases in the fields of Civil Law, Commercial Law, Criminal Law, Labour and Tax laws. Also, he has a very good experience in Litigations and Business contracts (drafting, reviewing and monitoring). Mr. Al Jisr works at TAGLegal- Riyadh office.

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