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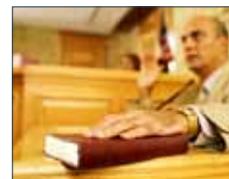
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The report, which was issued in English and translated to other languages, covers the enforcement of regulatory procedures in the fields of starting a business, resolving insolvency, trading across borders, enforcing contracts and recently included indicators on getting electricity connections.

AMMAN----November 13, 2011----“Doing Business 2012:Doing Business in a More Transparent World ”is the latest report issued by the World Bank for 2012, marking the ninth report that tackles the world’s regulatory and legislative business environment.

The World Bank has focused on this report at its regulatory reform measures that show the influence of the economic performance and growth on the countries of the Middle East and South Africa.

Doing Business Report 2012 covers the regulations that affect the national firms in 183 economies and ranks the economies in 10 areas of business regulations. The main target was to monitor the governmental regulations in a way that serves the legislative entities and environments efficiently.

In the 2012 report, the contribution of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Legal (TAGLegal) appears through the conducted surveys and researches which provide solid ground for successful business base. The World Bank recognizes how major and considerable the role of TAGLegal is in developing such report.

Morocco had the highest percentage of improving its business compared to other global and regional economies, climbing 21 places to 94, by implementing 15 business regulatory reforms presented by simplifying the construction permitting process and easing the administrative burden of tax compliance.

The report shows that six of 18 business regulatory measured reforms made it easier to start a business, such as Jordan, by reducing the minimum capital required to start a company, and Oman’s new one-stop shop for entrepreneurs cut business registration time from seven days to three .While Saudi Arabia remained the regional leader by being among the top 20 countries for allowing and easing the doing business process of firms.

Therefore, the remarkable contribution of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Legal in developing this annual report, for the third time in a row, through their outstanding services has been adopted and posted on the website of the report, www.doingbusiness.org, not to mention the thanking letters sent to TAGLegal and AGIP offices represented by : TAGLegal Bahrain, TAGLegal Egypt, TAGLegal Iraq, TAGLegal Jabal Ali, TAGLegal Jeddah, TAGLegal Jordan, TAGLegal KSA, TAGLegal Lebanon, TAGLegal Oman, TAGLegal Syria, TAGLegal Turkey, TAGLegal Dubai, AGIP Morocco and AGIP Sudan.

About Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Legal

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Legal, www.taglegal.com, is a member of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization, providing specialized legal services and advice in various aspects of corporate and business activities, in addition to its leading role in the field of intellectual property as one of the largest law firms specialized in the Arab region and has offices in all Arab countries and some countries in the Middle East, as well as representative offices in most countries of the world.

About the World Bank Group

The World Bank Group, "www.worldbank.org" which includes the International Finance Corporation, is an international body aiming at the provision of funding and technical assistance to developing countries. The report on Doing Business, www.doingbusiness.org, is issued by the International Finance Corporation and the World Bank.

TAGLegal Launches a New Blog



TAG-LEGAL

For those who have waited so long for an informative legal news blog, we are thrilled to announce the launch of TAGLegal's blog. A blog devoted to legal news where you can find the latest legal news, updates and links gathered from all around the world. We will be more than happy to share with you our opinions and thoughts through this blog and will be overwhelmed with your comments and tips throughout submitted information. Your participation is highly encouraged and appreciated.

Please create an account and add your comments to our blog on: <http://blog.tag-legal.com>

LES-AC Organizes IP Role in Economic Development Seminar in Abu-Dhabi



ABU DHABI -Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, UAE's Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and Chairman of Centre of Excellence for Applied Research and Training (CERT), the commercial arm of the Higher Colleges of Technology, the Licensing Executives Society-Arab Countries (LES-AC) organized a seminar on the « Intellectual Property Role in Economic Development » at CERT headquarters in Abu Dhabi.

The event witnessed presentations by Mr. James Malackowski, LESI president-elect who talked about Intellectual Property Auctions, Ms. Kristi Santhis, Marketing Consultant at Ocean Tomo who tackled

Intellectual Property and community, and Dr. Fouad Mrad, ESCWA Technology Center director who talked about ETC activities related to Technology Transfer field in the Arab countries.

Business people, law makers, university presidents and government officials took part in the event which aimed at highlighting the role of Intellectual Property (IP) and the value it forms to public and private companies with a special focus on what is needed to develop the IP-based economy, the opportunities, challenges and prediction for the future of IP assets management in addition to case studies regarding technology transfer, research and development in

universities and scientific research centers role in building an economy based on knowledge.

HE Sheikh Al Nahyan said: «The UAE is taking action to improve its international benchmarking in IP, particularly with respect to patents. First the National Research Foundation is sponsoring a review of the UAE's IP laws.

Second, in recognition of the importance that patents play in protecting valuable IP with commercial potential, the National Research Foundation will hold a patent-filing competition for university researchers in the UAE. Financial grants will be available for winning proposals selected by a panel of independent experts. The National Research Foundation expects to award ten grants by January 2012 in the hope that knowledge produced in the UAE may lead to patented commercial products launched from this country.”

HE Sheikh Al Nahyan expressed his satisfaction with the work of the seminar due to its importance in economic development.

Meanwhile, HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, LES-AC president said:»Intellectual Property is a power tool for economic growth and economic development and IP

assets in business transactions are the most valuable assets.»

«The development of licensing laws and policies will encourage licensing and technology transfer at the same time capacity building programs and training on licensing are essential in order for us to match the licensor's capacity,» adding that «the Arab Certified IP Licensing Practitioner' program was developed by us for the purposes of capacity building.»

HE Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh called on IP licensing and technology transfer professionals from universities, governmental institutions, law firms, and industrial companies from different Arab countries to join LES-AC network; in order to contribute and interact.

He also announced that under the patronage of HH Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, the second annual conference, «The Licensing Opportunities Forum 2011», will be held in cooperation with the Arab Science and Technology Foundation in Sharjah November 28 – 29, 2011.

HE Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh expressed his gratitude to «The Higher College of Technology», under the management of Dr. Tayyeb Kamali.

Source : Ag-IP News Agency

Up to QR50.000 for Law Ban Violators in Qatar



DOHA –Any violations committed when referring to the law banning labour accommodations in residential areas will subject the violators, whether companies or individuals, to a fine ranging from QR10,000 to QR50,000, according to the Ministry of Municipality and Urban Planning.

The ban was to apply on labourers of contracting and construction companies, while people working with neighbourhood stores were exempted. The 1st of November is the date the Ministry set for violators to move from residential areas. If no action was taken after being informed of evacuation, the fine will be doubled.

Inspectors with judicial powers have been assigned in all municipalities to monitor implementation of the law while the minimum fine for violating the law is QR10,000.

If a violation is detected, those involved will be issued a written warning to vacate the building in 30 days. After the expiry of this period, they will be given 15 days to lodge a complaint, if any, with the Ministry against the decision.

The Ministry has the right to settle a violation through reconciliation as long as a court verdict is not issued against the violators.

Meanwhile, several members of the Central Municipal Council (CMC) have expressed their reservation over exempting a major segment of single workers from the purview of the law.

Source: The Peninsula

NEW REGULATIONS FOR WEBSITES REGISTRATION



AMMAN –The Department of Press and Publications has issued new regulations for registering websites while taking into consideration the developments related to the field of electronic press.

The new regulations aim at granting the facilities stated in the Press and Publications Law for these registered websites. The given facilities include subjecting the websites to the Press and Publications Law and not Penal Code, in addition to giving these websites the right to collect information through the official entities' programs, plans and projects.

Abiding by these regulations and with the cooperation of the Jordan Press Association, these websites will be referred to as a whole press publication that allows its employees to gain the membership of the association.

This move is a response to the current time developments and requirements where its main goal is expressed in expanding the area of freedom of press and responsibility without the force of suppressing measures or restrictions.

It is important to mention that the Department of Press and Publications has become a part of the Ministry of Culture after being attached to the Minister of State for Media Affairs.

Source: Ammonnews

SYRIAN GOVERNMENT APPROVES INCOME TAX EXEMPTION



DAMASCUS –The Syrian Cabinet has recently approved a legislation that frees people subjected to the income tax of real profits and its returns till 2010 and other financial charges related to taxes and its returns till 2011 and the entities responsible for touristic and real estate premises from all the interests, sanctions and fines if they pay tax fees not after the 31st of December, 2011.

The Lower House has approved the policies and strategic plans to develop the medical centers and improve the health services through renewing the health legislations and investing in new projects related to the field of health starting from 2011 and until 2015.

The Syrian Minister of Finance Mohammad Jilailati announced in a press release that more than 30 thousand people will benefit from this project .The minister also added that this law will help ease the burden on people especially through the last economic recession the world has been going through.

Source: Sana News Agency

China Enforces New Regulation for Rare Metals Protection

BEIJING – Rare earth metals have always played this important role in our lives. It never occurred to us that using these metals would be a necessity to most of our daily used technologies, such as cell phones, until China has recently announced launching an operation to “promote the protection and rational development of the country’s rare earth resources and further regulate their production”, according to a statement by the Ministry of Land and Resources of China.

Three local governments in the cities of Baotou, Jining and Liangzhou, will prohibit the illegal production of rare metals as these cities are considered the most-containing rare earth metals’ regions in China. The governments also intend to put better strategies for exploiting earth sources.



This project supports last year’s operation which aimed at controlling the production of rare metals in some of China’s provinces and regions.

China has suspended lately issuing mining licenses for rare earth metals and promised to apply stricter regulations in order to reduce the damage and depletion of natural resources.

Source: Xinhua

Access Legal from Shoosmiths

Secures Law Society CQS Status

A photograph of a wooden wall with the word "shoosmiths" in a silver, lowercase, serif font. The text is flanked by two horizontal silver bars. The image is framed by a white, curved border.

LONDON - Access Legal from Shoosmiths has secured the Law Society's Quality Scheme (CQS), making it the largest law firm in England and Wales to do so.

The Conveyancing Quality Scheme (CQS) requires practices to undergo a strict assessment, compulsory training, self-reporting, random audits and annual reviews in order to maintain CQS status. It is open only to members of the Law Society who meet the demanding standards set by the Scheme, and has the support of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, the Building Societies' Association, Legal Ombudsman, and the Association of British Insurers.

Desmond Hudson, chief executive at the Law Society said: «Access Legal from Shoosmiths' accreditation illustrates that CQS is an initiative that is suitable for firms of all sizes.

«Firms that have gone through the CQS application and assessment process have gained the quality mark in recognition of the high standards they have met in residential conveyancing. CQS is the benchmark for the conveyancing sector, and Access Legal from Shoosmiths' commitment to securing it is further acknowledgement of the high standards the scheme embodies.»

David Parton, partner at Access Legal from Shoosmiths added: «We're delighted to have secured CQS accreditation, which is a recognition that this particular consumer service meets the benchmark for conveyancing set by the Law Society.

«It enables our current and future residential conveyancing clients to identify the excellent service level we provide, at what is often a stressful time for many people.

«Our clients receive a reliable, efficient service, which is at the heart of our ethos and the CQS standard.»

Access Legal from Shoosmiths assists clients in preparing to move house and provide legal advice for whatever issues they may encounter. Its solicitors are experts in the conveyancing process and its services are available on a no-move no-fee basis.

New Korean Bill to Fight Corruption at State-Run Firms

SEOUL –A new bill has been approved by the South Korean Cabinet lately where it states that corrupted employees will be facing the same punishment and sanctions the government officials face in the cases of bribery and embezzlement.

The bill approves that the employees involved in illegal practices shall leave their jobs immediately where this punishment was only for government employees and high ranked officials committing such acts.

The move comes as South Korea pushes for its «fair society» campaign, which calls for bureaucratic transparency and reducing corruption.

Source: Xinhua

Cascades Computer Innovation Files Patent Infringement Case against Acer

ILLINOIS – A new patent infringement case has been filed against Acer America Co. by Haller & Niro on behalf of Cascades Computer Innovation Company for infringing the '750 patent.

The patent, that was legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office under Patent No. 7,065,750 (the '750 patent), is entitled "Method and Apparatus for Preserving Precise Exceptions

in Binary Translated Code" and exclusively owned by Cascades, has the right to sue whoever infringes this patent as being the exclusive owner.

Acer is now and has been infringing the patent by using, offering to sell, selling, re-selling and/or receiving imported products from its parent, Acer, Inc., which accordingly infringes one or more claims of the '750 patent. Such infringing



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products include, but are not limited to, cell phone products such as Liquid E Ferrari and ICONIA SMART Smartphones and the Acer Iconia Tab A500 tablet computer.

Source: Infringementupdates



Call for EU to Ban Use of Blinding Laser Lights

BRUSSELS -The European Organization for Air Navigation Safety has urged the European Union to prohibit and criminalize the use of lasers that blind pilots and air traffic controllers - a growing problem which could lead to a crash, according to experts.

The technique of dazzling pilots by shining searchlights at an aircraft while taking-off or landing may cause accidents resulting in permanent vision impairment to pilots and sometimes death in the case of crash incidents.

Police, ambulance or rescue helicopters, are especially vulnerable to laser attacks because they fly at lower altitudes. There have also been instances when lasers were directed at air traffic control towers. There were 4,266 incidents reported by the Air Traffic Agency in Europe last year, as laser lights were almost the main reason behind these accidents. While in the US, the number of incidents nearly doubled to 2,836 last year.

Interference with commercial airlines is already a federal crime in the US and in some European nations such as Sweden and Austria.

Source :Shanghai Daily

Precision Biosciences

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Collectis for Patent Infringement



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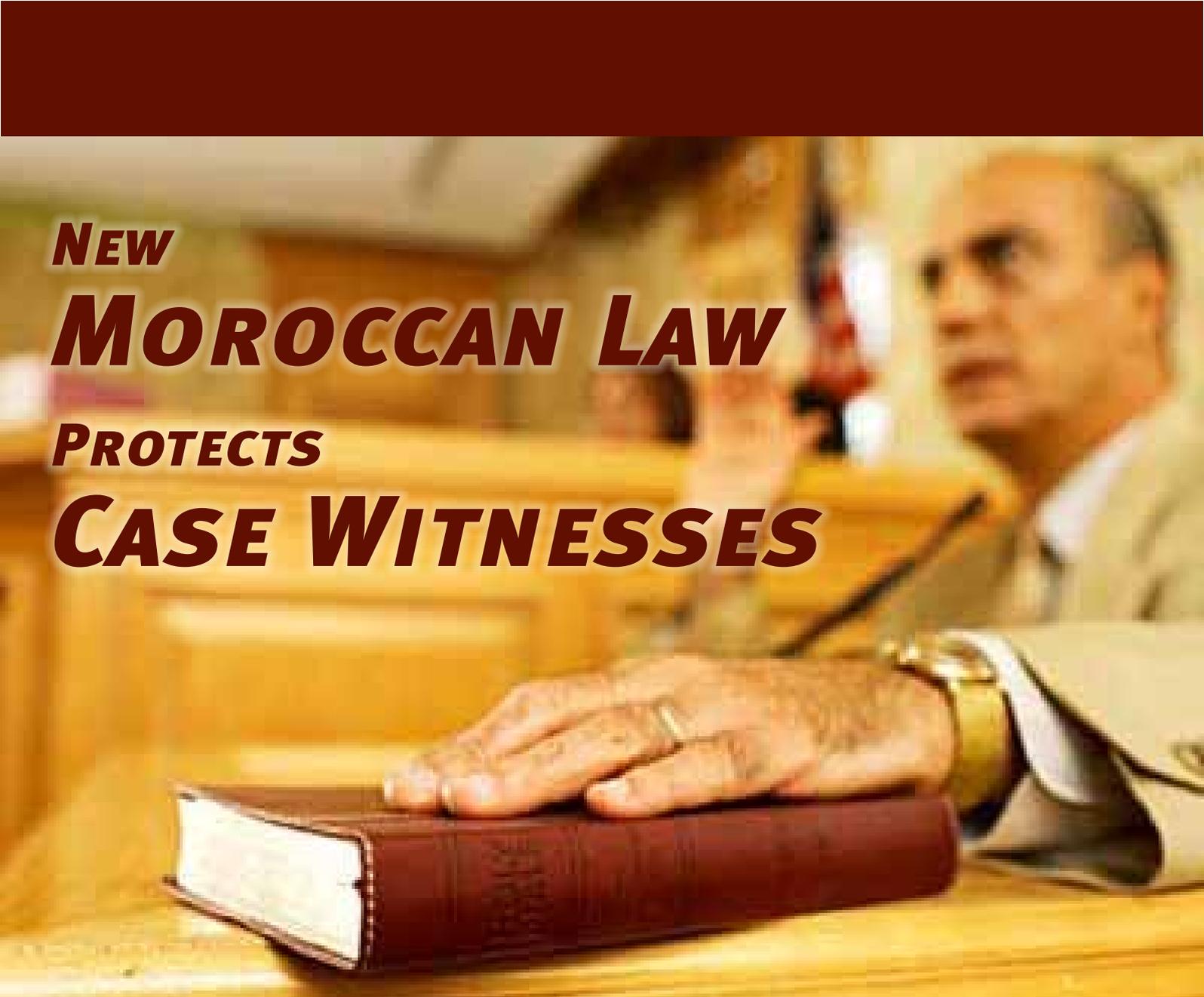
NORTH CAROLINA –A lawsuit has been filed against Collectis SA, a well-known public trading company, and its affiliates, Collectis Biosearch and Collectis Bioserach Inc., by one of the rational genome engineering firms in the U.S, Precision Biosciences.

Precision Biosciences accuses Collectis of infringing Patent No.8,021,876 ('876 patent) which prohibits manufacturing, using or offering certain engineered meganucleases technologies owned by Precision. This technology enables the enzymes of customized genome to insert, remove, modify and regulate any gene in the plant cells.

The battle between Precision and Collectis over meganuclease technology has been going for more than three years where Collectis has failed to overtake Precision's licensed patents and trademark "Directed Nuclease Editor (DNE) for meganuclease technology".

While Collectis recently announced that it denied intending to utilize this material as it is 'too narrow to cover its meganucleases'.

Source: Precision Biosciences



NEW MOROCCAN LAW PROTECTS CASE WITNESSES

CASABLANCA – Morocco has passed a new law that protects the witnesses of corruption, embezzlement and misappropriation cases from being persecuted or assaulted.

This ratified law aims at protecting the families, properties, interests of the witnesses from being hurt or threatened. Accordingly, the police have specified a special telephone number to be available round the clock for the witnesses to report any abuse or violence.

It is worth mentioning that the name of the witness will not be mentioned during investigation or trial to help keep anonymity of identity.

The government will be also revising the penal code especially in terms of protecting fraud cases witnesses in order to get in line with the UN Convention against Corruption.

While the people of Morocco had various opinions concerning the newly-passed legislation, some of them supported this move and described it as a step towards fundamental change, while others were dissatisfied as they doubt implementing such law in Morocco.

Source: Zawya

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