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CNIPA and DPMA Extend PPH Pilot Program

The China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA) have jointly decided to extend their Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program for another three years from January 23, 2024 to January 22, 2027. The established Procedures to file a request to the DPMA for Patent Prosecution Highway ("PPH") Pilot Program between the DPMA and the SIPO remains controlling the pertinent requirements and procedures governing applicants' PPH requests at the two offices.

The extension of the CNIPA-DPMA PPH pilot program will continuously advance China-Germany communication and cooperation in IP, serve both Chinese and German innovators by accelerating the patent examination process and deepen the two offices' cooperation in patent examination.

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CNIPA Posts “Development Report on Building a Powerful Country on Intellectual Property Rights (2023)”

On January 18, 2024, China's National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) posted the Development Report on Building a Powerful Country on Intellectual Property Rights (2023) (知识产权强国建设发展报告(2023年)) prepared by the Office of the Inter-Ministerial Joint Conference on Building a Powerful IP Country. The Report “summarizes the progress of the development goals of building a powerful country in intellectual property and the results achieved in building a powerful country in intellectual property” such as the number of high-value invention patents per 10,000 people.

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Huawei and Xiehe jointly developed a patent for non-invasive diabetes testing

Huawei and the Peking Union Medical College Hospital of the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences published a patent for “Diabetes Risk Detection Methods, Electronic Devices and Systems.”

As per the details, this patent is applied in the field of terminal technology to solve the problem in the existing technology of inaccurate diabetes risk detection results when the PPG signal collection time is short.

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vivo and Nokia sign 5G patent cross-license agreement

On February 5th, 2024, vivo announced that it has signed a global patent cross-license agreement with Nokia covering standard-essential patents in 5G and other cellular communication technologies. Following the agreement, both parties will resolve all pending litigations in all jurisdictions.

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ZTE, TCL and SK Telecom join the Sisvel Cellular IoT Patent Pool

Luxembourg, 29 January 2024 – ZTE, TCL and SK Telecom are among the latest companies to become licensors in the Cellular IoT patent pool run by Sisvel International SA (Sisvel).

The two Chinese tech giants join compatriots Huawei, China Mobile, Datang and Shanghai Langbo in making their patents available through the pool, reinforcing its position as a one-stop licensing shop for the IoT market in China and beyond.

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Lenovo’s Motorola Mobility and Sharp sign patent cross license agreement

Motorola Mobility LLC (Motorola), a subsidiary of Lenovo Group, and Sharp have reached a global agreement on cross patent licenses relating to each organization’s wireless communication technologies.

Lenovo is pleased to enter into an agreement where both parties came to agree on the fair value of each other’s portfolio, with both parties demonstrating their willingness to license on a fair, reasona-

ble, and non-discriminatory (FRAND) basis.

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OPPO and Nokia sign 5G patent cross-license agreement

On January 24, 2024, OPPO announced that it has signed a global patent cross-license agreement with Nokia covering standard-essential patents in 5G and other cellular communication technologies. Following the agreement, both parties will resolve all pending litigation in all jurisdictions. The specific terms of the agreement are confidential as per mutual agreement.

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Honor and Nokia sign 5G patent cross-license agreement

On January 4, 2024, the global technology brand HONOR announced today it has signed a new patent cross-license agreement with Nokia covering both parties' fundamental inventions in 5G and other cellular technologies. The terms of the agreement remain confidential between the parties.

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