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Our Thoughts and Prayers are with Japan

Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) wishes to extend its hurtful thoughts and prayers to all who affected by this disaster. A special thought goes out to our esteemed clients in Japan.

We hope that they and their families are safe after the terrible earthquake and Tsunami, and that Japan and all its citizens recover as soon as possible from this catastrophe.

Bahrain Requires Legalized PoA



MANAMA - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) would like to notify its clients that the Industrial Property Office (IPO) in Bahrain has changed the requirements for Power of Attorney (PoA) and the Office now accepts only legalized PoAs for all Industrial Property (IP) related matters.

The Power of Attorney must be legalized up to any Arab consulate. The IPO allows a grace period of three (3) months to submit the legalized Power of Attorney.

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KARACHI – Abu Ghazaleh Intellectual Property Pakistan Office (AGIP Pakistan) took part in a full day Intellectual Property Rights Conference 2011 “An International Perspective, Realization and Implementation / Counterfeiting and Piracy Issues” on March 19, 2011 in Karachi.

Aamir F. Khan, AGIP Pakistan manager highlighted the basics of IPR, its importance and counterfeit issues and solutions.

The Conference aimed at providing a platform for interaction amongst all relevant stakeholders i.e. the policy makers, manufacturers, industries, academia, entrepreneurs and others to underline the IPR implementation issues in global, social and economical perspectives.

The Conference was attended by Raza Haroon, Minister of Information and Technology, Govt. of Sindh, Senator Abdul Haseeb Khan, Andrey V. Demidov, consul general of the Russian Federation in Karachi, Shahjahan Ketrان, chairman of Intellectual Property Organization in Pakistan and other top officials.



AGIP Oman Office Participates in Workshops on IP



The two workshops centered on Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, and Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs

MUSCAT - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) Oman Office had a strong presence recently in two workshops on Intellectual Property (IP) organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in cooperation with Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Sultanate of Oman.

The two workshops centered on Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, and Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs.

Moreover, they aimed at strengthening efforts to create a national strategy on Intellectual Property in Oman.

Representing AGIP, a delegation from AGIP Oman Office took part in the workshops, as well as experts from WIPO and Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Sultanate of Oman.

Aside the workshops, AGIP's delegate had an array of discussions with participants about various issues such as Madrid protocol, its procedure and impacts.

AGIP Turkey Attends International Conference on “Patent Protection in an International Environment”



ANKARA - An international conference of “Patent Protection in an International Environment” was held on March 24-25, 2011 within the framework of the European Union Twinning Project conducted by Turkish Patent Institute and German International Judicial Cooperation Association.

Nihat Ergün, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ankara Ambassadors of Germany and Japan as well as the Primary Parliamentary Secretary of the Ankara Ambassador of Italy participated in the opening ceremony of the conference. The conference which was organized with the cooperation and contributions of European Patent Office, OHIM, Germany Federal Patent Court, Germany Patent and Trademark Office, Italian Trademark and Patent Office, Italian Intellectual Property Istanbul Office, Japan Patent Office and Japan Foreign Trade Organization witnessed

the participation of Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) Turkey Office namely; Ms. Ozlem Ozgur Arslan (Executive Director of Turkey Office), Ms. Sibel Kaya (TM Attorney), Mrs. Ebru Gumusbas (Patent & TM Attorney) and Mrs. Hatice Toksoy (Patent & TM Attorney).

In the first day of the conference, patent protection in Turkey within the framework of international protection was inclusively discussed, and the scope of the regional protection provided under a European Patent was presented by the experts from the European Patent Office. In addition, the patent protection granted under the Patent Cooperation Treaty which provides protection in an international platform was presented by the experts from World Intellectual Property Organization.

Ms. Ozlem Ozgur Arslan underlined that “Since January 1, 1996, Turkey is a party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of 1970. Consequently, Turkey may be designated in international applications filed under the PCT.”

A PCT application in the National Phase can be filed in Turkey upon completion of the required documents. PCT applications entering into national phase are not subject to search procedure since International Search Reports are readily accepted by the T.P.I.

A granted European Patent can be validated in Turkey with a single application, upon translation of the specification into Turkish and submission of the other requirements.

“We are at disposal of our selective clients with inclusive patent-related services in an international platform and we kindly welcome all inquiries at turkey@agip.com”, she added.

ACIPP’s Patents of Inventions and Trade Secrets Course to Be Held in April

AMMAN - The Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP) announced that the registration for the Arab Certified Intellectual Property Practitioner (ACIPP) program, “Patents of Inventions and Trade Secrets” course has started.

The course will take place at Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Graduate School of Business April 17-28, 2011 while the exam is scheduled to be held May 2nd, 2011.

ACIPP is a professional Arabic program on IP, and is the only one of its kind in the Arab region. It is fully taught in the Arabic language. It comprises of these modules:

- Trademarks and Unfair Competition.
- Patents of Inventions and Trade Secrets
- Copyrights and Related Rights

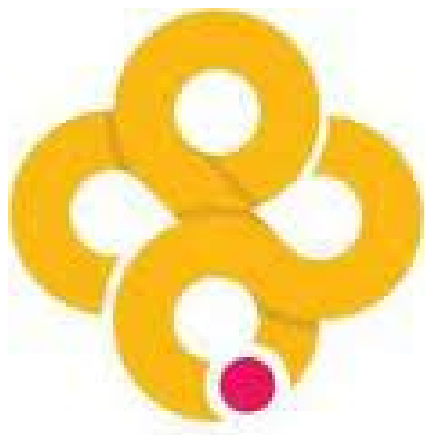
The courses are taught by professors and top professionals in the IP field.

Upon the completion of each course, students will sit for a final examination. Upon successful passing of the examination, they receive a certificate in the course. When a student passes final examinations in the three Modules, they will be granted the full Arab Certified Intellectual Property Practitioner Certificate.

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Qatar Domains Registry Launched



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Qatar Domains Registry

DOHA - ictQATAR marked on March 2, 2011 at W Hotel the launch of the Qatar Domains Registry, accordingly, Qatar Domain Names will be available in Arabic.

The first phase of the introduction of the Qatar Domains Registry (QDR) will see select organizations allocated Qatar-specific Internet domain names, with general domain names to be made available to the public by August of this year.

A number of sites are currently being used

as pilots for the system, including Hukoomi and ictQatar, while other government organizations and registered trademark and IP holders will be launching in the near future.

Users will be able to check the availability of domain names through the QDR website, which officials said would be launched in the near future.

Guest Speaker, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

President and CEO Rod Beckstrom talked about the importance of internationalized domain names and the development of a linguistically diverse Internet. He is a renowned expert on global cybersecurity, having served as the Director of the National Cybersecurity Center in the United States, and is also the author of the best-selling book, *The Starfish and the Spider: The Unstoppable Power of Leaderless Organizations*.

ICANN is the global body in charge of Internet domain names and numbers.

Google Grows as Coke Goes Flat and BP Leaks Brand Value, According to the 2011 BrandFinance® Global 500



LONDON - The BrandFinance Global 500 is the world's most comprehensive brand value league table, ranking the most valuable brands across all major markets.

According to the 2011 BrandFinance® Global 500, Google is the most valuable brand in the world (\$44.3bn), edging Microsoft (\$42.8bn) into second place. Coca-Cola drops out of the top ten for

the first time (\$25.8bn).

BP suffered a \$3.4bn loss and falls 53 place.

Facebook enters the table in 285th place with a brand value of \$3.7bn

The US continues to dominate the index; American brands constitute 13 of the top 20 and 26 from the top 500.

WIPO Launches New On-line Tool to Facilitate Brand Searches

GENEVA - A new on-line tool launched by WIPO on March 8, 2011, will make it easier to search over 640,000 records relating to internationally protected trademarks, appellations of origin and armorial bearings, flags and other state emblems as well as the names, abbreviations and emblems of intergovernmental organizations. The Global Brand Database allows free of charge, simultaneous brand-related searches across multiple collections.

BIOLASE Issued New Patent Supporting Use of Laser Technologies for Treating Eye Conditions

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IRVINE, CA - BIOLASE Technology Inc., the World's leading dental laser manufacturer and distributor, announced in a press release that the US Patent and Trademark Office has issued BIOLASE a new patent covering the use of its laser technologies for treating various conditions of the eye, including presbyopia.

The patent is related to applying dyes and colored lighting to make structures in the eye more visible for various eye procedures performed with the Company's patented laser technologies. In addition, certain colorings allow for greater absorption of energy making it easier to cut at lower energy settings.

The patent is number 7,891,363 and is titled "Methods for Treating Eye Conditions." It supports previously issued patents and covers methods for treating eye disorders, such as presbyopia, the age-related loss of near vision that comes to everyone in mid-

life. Presbyopia generally signifies a universal decrease in the amplitude of accommodation in the eye and currently affects over 100 million people in the US and more than 2 billion people worldwide.

This is BIOLASE's sixth US patent to be issued related under the "Methods for treating eye conditions" patent family. BIOLASE currently holds a total of nine issued and 20 pending U.S. and International patents in four patent families in the field of ophthalmology and, with US patents 7,867,223, issued January 11, 2011, and 7,878,204, issued February 1, 2011, these patents and their US and international counterparts give BIOLASE a wide range of applications and coverage in the field.

Federico Pignatelli, Chairman and CEO, commented, "This patent further demonstrates how broad the applications for our laser technologies are within ophthalmology. We are assessing a number of strategic

alternatives for our valuable ophthalmology technology and plan to pursue, in the near future, FDA approval for clinical trials for a treatment for presbyopia. In addition to ophthalmology, we have several other major medical applications in dermatology, cosmetic surgery, orthopedics, urology and ENT that we plan to commercialize or license in the near future."

Chief Technology Officer Dmitri Boutoussov, said, "This patent has wide application in multiple eye treatment procedures, where laser or other light sources are involved. It also opens the door for the development of advanced treatment protocols with intensive use of various imaging technologies. It is synergistic with the emerging expertise of BIOLASE in optical imaging and creates the opportunity to integrate digital imaging devices and lasers for disruptive medical applications of light-based technologies, well beyond dentistry."

BIOLASE Technology Inc., the World's leading Dental Laser company, is a medical technology company that develops, manufactures and markets dental lasers and also distributes and markets dental imaging equipment, products that are focused on technologies that advance the practice of dentistry and medicine.

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