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CENTRIK'S NEWSLETTER

APPLE STRIKES NEW CHIP LICENSING DEAL

Apple has struck a new licensing deal with British chipmaker, Imagination Technologies, more than two years after a high-profile breakdown in the companies' relationship.

The longstanding bond between the two companies was hit by Apple's decision to focus on developing its own graphics processor units (GPUs) for its tablets and smartphones. This sparked a dispute, with Imagination questioning Apple's ability to manufacture its own GPUs without infringing the UK chipmaker's patents.

On January 2, Imagination issued a brief press release which stated that it had replaced the multi-year, multi-use license agreement with Apple, first announced on February 6, 2014, with a new multi-year license agreement under which Apple has access to a wider range of Imagination's intellectual property in exchange for license fees.

TEAM CENTRIK AT 12TH GLOBAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CONVENTION



Our team CENTRIK attended the Global intellectual property convention (GIPC) from 8th January, 2020 to 10th January, 2020. Global Intellectual Property Convention (GIPC) is Asia's leading conference for in-house IP counsels and innovators.

GIPC is India's biggest IPR event attended by senior IP business decision-makers. It's attended by In-house IP Professionals, attorneys of law firms from India and abroad, IP owners, inventors, researchers, marketing professionals, and government officials. GIPC 2019 offered firsthand learning experience from industry experts, who shared practical knowledge about current and substantive IP issues.

In GIPC, our team interacted with IP attorneys from around the world to discuss best practices and solutions to maximize the value of their innovation and IP.

WIPO GEARS UP TO APPOINT ITS 5TH DIRECTOR GENERAL

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is preparing to appoint its new Director General who will begin to dispense the responsibilities of the office from the month of September, this year. The current Director General, Francis Gurry will retire in the same month after having consecutively served two six-year terms. The new Director will be selected by the WIPO Coordination Committee after several rounds of voting and consultations. The name of the 5th Director General will be announced on 6th March 2020 before the official appointment in the month of September.

The following list provides the names of the candidates proposed by their respective governments for the position of the Director General of WIPO in 2020 –

- Saule Tlevlessova – Proposed by the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Daren Tang – Proposed by the Republic of Singapore
- Kenichiro Natsume – Proposed by Japan
- Wang Binying – People's Republic of China
- Edward Kwakwa – Proposed by Ghana
- Marco Matías Alemán – Proposed by Colombia
- Dámaso Pardo – Proposed by Argentina
- Professor Adebambo Adewopo – Proposed by Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Ivo Gagliuffi Piercechi – Proposed by Peru
- Jüri Seilenthal – Proposed by Estonia

GENENTECH SETTLES TRADE SECRET LAW SUIT

La Roche AG, the Swiss healthcare company's Genentech unit, is running a full-court press in pursuit of justice after three of its former employees allegedly stole trade secrets for its oncology blockbusters. Four of Roche's employees have been charged with stealing and sharing trade secrets with JHL Biotech, a Taiwanese biopharmaceutical company. The stolen trade secrets comprised information on the Genentech's cancer drugs.

In its suit, Genentech stated that after gaining access to the company's password-protected network, one of the employees downloaded hundreds of confidential files, which contained manufacturing protocols and procedures. The defendants pleaded not guilty, following which, last September, Genentech agreed to settle with JHL. According to the terms of settlement, JHL was directed "to abandon development of and destroy" all cell materials related to the cancer drug brands involved and stop using or sharing them in any way." Further, in order to ensure JHL's compliance with the terms of the agreement, Genentech stated that it has the right to unannounced checkups.