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337 Investigation U.S

◆ Recent Section 337 Complaints

On January 19, 2007, St. Clair Intellectual Property Consultants, Inc. filed a complaint requesting that the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) institute a Section 337 investigation regarding certain digital cameras and component parts thereof. The ITC has identified Eastman Kodak Company as respondent in the above mentioned complaint.

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 *IP Enterprise Strategy* **The First Service Center for Software Intellectual Property****Founded in Dalian**

Recently, the first service center for software intellectual property of Dalian City, Liaoning Province was founded in Dalian Software Park. Enrolled by Dalian Software Park Co., Ltd., this center will provide relevant service for all software enterprises in Dalian. The foundation of this center indicates the way of normalization and legalization of the software intellectual property protection in Dalian.

 *IP Cases* **The European Court of Justice Formally Accepted the****Litigation Brought by Chinese Shoe-making Enterprises**

Recently, 4 shoe-making enterprises including Aokang Group Co., Ltd. (Aokang Group) declared in Beijing that the European Court of Justice (the Court) had formally accepted the anti-dumping complaints sued by Chinese shoe-making enterprises.

Backgrounds: The European Union (EU) has formally begun to levy countervailing duties of 16.5% for a 2-year period on the leather shoes made in China since last October. Only 4 enterprises, including Aokang Group and Taima Shoes Co., Ltd., have formally brought a suit to the Court subject to the appeal procedure of EU. The

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respondents submitted their lawsuit files to the Court located in Brussels, the capital of Belgium, on December 29, 2006.



◆ Ranking of the Quantity of Patent Applications of Each Province in 2006 Came out

Based on the latest statistics issued by the State Intellectual Property Office, Guangdong Province ranks top 1 in China again for its 90886 patent applications in 2006. The top ten provinces for their quantity of patent applications in 2006 were as follows: Guangdong, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Shandong, Shanghai, Beijing, Taiwan, Liaoning, Hubei and Tianjin.

◆ The LED Technical Difficulty Overcome in Zhejiang

Recently, after 2-year great efforts of the relevant personnel, the special program of the Light-emitting Diode (LED) technology, named “Development of High-power Key Examination Technic & Standard Criterion System”, was successfully developed and also accepted upon examination by Science and Technology Department of Zhejiang Province.

The program of the Light-emitting Diode (LED) technology, covered by independent intellectual property, is an important science & technology project of Zhejiang Province. The successful development of this program indicates that the great strides have been made on the basic construction of our country’s LED industry, and that China has

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become the fifth country in possession of the intellectual property of this project following the U.S., Germany, Japan and England.

IP laws and regulations

Supreme People's Court Issued a Guiding Document for the Trial of IP Cases

Recently, Supreme People's Court issued the Opinions on the Full-scale Enhancement of the Trial of Intellectual Property Cases to Provide a Judiciary Guarantee for the Construction of an Innovative Country (the Opinions). As a guiding document for the current and future trial of IP cases, the Opinions provides a series of specific measures for the full-scale enhancement of the trial of IP cases, which will effectively guide the trial practice of IP cases, so as to benefit the full-scale enhancement and entire advancement of the trial work of IP cases in all the courts throughout China.

IP Cooperation

Conference on IP Protection in Cities Related with Olympic Games Held in Beijing

Recently, Beijing Intellectual Property Office held the Conference on the Intellectual Property (Patent) Protection in Cities Related with Olympic Games. Leaders of the enforcement authority of intellectual property offices in the 6 cities assisting in the of the Olympic Games in 2008, which are Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai, Qingdao, Shenyang

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and Qinhuangdao, attended the conference and signed the Memorandum of Beijing Conference on Joint Enforcement of IP Protection by the Cities Related with Olympic Games.

◆ **Nine Provinces in the Pearl River Delta Region Signed an Agreement to Jointly Crack down on IP Infringement**

Recently, the First (Guangdong) Joint Conference on the Rectifying & Standardizing Work in the Pearl River Delta Region was held in Guangzhou. At the conference, the representatives from the rectification and standardization offices of nine provinces in the Pearl River Delta Region signed the Agreement on the Cooperation of Rectifying & Standardizing Work in the Pearl River Delta Region so as to build a combined reaction mechanism to the over-region intellectual property infringement cases and entirely improve the level of intellectual property protection in the region.

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