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337 Investigation U.S

◆ Recent Section 337 Complaints

On March 2, 2007, Lutron Electronics Co., Ltd. filed a complaint requesting that the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) institute a Section 337 investigation regarding Certain Lighting Control Devices Including Dimmer Switches and/or Switches. The ITC has identified Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc. as respondent in the above mentioned complaint.

◆ 337-Related Commission Notices

The U.S. ITC will institute a Section 337 investigation of Certain GPS Chips, Associated Software and Systems, and Products Containing Same, based upon a complaint filed on February 8, 2007, by SiRF Technology, Inc.. The products at issue in this investigation are Certain GPS Chips, Associated Software and Systems, and Products Containing Same. SiRF Technology, Inc. alleges that the importation into the United States and the sale within the United States after importation of the above-mentioned products has infringed the patents owned by the complainant. The complainant request issuance of a permanent exclusion order and permanent cease and desist order. The ITC has identified Global Locate, Inc. as respondent.

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The U.S. ITC will institute a Section 337 investigation of Certain Bassinet Products, based upon a complaint filed on February 9, 2007, by Arm's Reach Concepts, Inc. The products at issue in this investigation are Certain Bassinet Products. Arm's Reach Concepts, Inc. alleges that the importation into the United States and the sale within the United States after importation of the above-mentioned products has infringed the patents owned by the complainant. The complainant request issuance of a permanent exclusion order and permanent cease and desist order. The ITC has identified Simplicity, Inc. Reading as respondent.

IP Enterprise Strategy

First Nationwide Model Enterprises and Institutions for IP Creation Announced

Recently, the activity of selecting nationwide model enterprises and institutions for intellectual property creation, organized by Coordination and Administration Department of State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO), was finished. The SIPO announced the list of the first 70 Nationwide Model Enterprises and Institutions for Intellectual Property Creation, naming 60 enterprises including Vimicro Corporation..

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◆ Outcome of the First Hearing in Shuaikang vs. Electrolux

Recently, the Intermediate People's Court of Ningbo City announced its decision on first hearing on the suit brought by Zhejiang Shuaikang Appliance Co., Ltd. (Shuaikang) against Electrolux (China) Home Appliances Co., Ltd. (Electrolux) over patent infringement. Electrolux was required to cease the manufacture and sale of the cooking utensils infringing Shuaikang's patent of Gas Damper Adjustment Device and to pay Shuaikang RMB 300,000 for its economic loss.

Background: On June 27, 2006, Shuaikang, having learned Electrolux was using the patent of Shuaikang on its damper of cooking utensils, filed a lawsuit with the Intermediate People's Court of Ningbo City. Shuaikang claimed that Electrolux infringed its patent right by manufacturing and selling a large number of cooking utensils using the patent of Shuaikang without any authorization by Shuaikang.



◆ First Industry Patent Database of Shaanxi Province

Began to Operate

Recently, the first Industry Patent Database of Shaanxi Province, namely energy sources and chemical engineering patent database of Yulin City, began to operate in Yulin City. This specialized and extensive database, especially designed for the Chinese energy source and chemical engineering industries, provides information on the latest know-how and advanced technological equipment internationally.

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◆ Three Intellectual Property Trial Courts Created in Beijing

Recently, the number of intellectual property trial courts of the basic people's courts of Beijing was increased from 2 to 5. It was announced that the 3 basic people's courts of Beijing (namely the People's court of Dongcheng District of Beijing, the People's Court of Xicheng District of Beijing and the People's court of Fengtai District of Beijing) may accept some civil cases regarding intellectual property disputes from March 6, 2007. In accordance with certain regulations, the intellectual property trial courts of the basic people's courts of Beijing are entitled to hear civil cases related to all matters of intellectual property disputes except cases concerning patent, new plant variety and layout-design of integrated circuits.

✦ IP Cooperation

◆ SIPO and Hunan Government Signed Agreement on Work Conference System

Recently, State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) and Government of Hunan Province signed the Agreement on Work Conference System (Agreement). As one of the SIPO's measures to carry out the central government's strategy of developing Central China area and to enhance the support of the intellectual property work of Hunan Province, the execution of this Agreement will be helpful in integrating the intellectual property sources of central and local governments.

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