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★ 337 Investigation U.S

◆ Recent 337 Complaints

On January 17, 2006, Linear Technology Corporation filed a complaint requesting that the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) institute a Section 337 investigation regarding certain voltage regulators, components thereof, and products containing same. The ITC has identified Advanced Analogic Technologies, Inc. as respondent in the above mentioned complaint.

◆ 337-related Commission Notices

The U.S. ITC will institute a Section 337 investigation of certain NOR and NAND flash memory devices used in electronic products such as digital cameras, cell phones, PDAs and digital music players, based upon a complaint filed on January 10, 2006 by SanDisk Corporation against STMicroelectronic N.V, Geneva, Switzerland, and STMicroelectronic, Inc., Carrollton, TX. U.S.A. SanDisk Corporation requests issuance of a permanent exclusion order and permanent cease and desist order.

The U.S. ITC will institute a Section 337 investigation of certain combination motor and transmission systems and devices used in electrically powered and hybrid powered vehicles, based upon a complaint filed on January 10, 2006 by Solomon Technologies, Inc. against Toyota Motor Corporation (Japan), Toyota Motor Manufacturing North

America (KY), and Toyota Motor Sales (U.S.A.). Solomon Technologies, Inc. requests issuance of an exclusion order and permanent cease and desist order.

The U.S. ITC will institute a Section 337 investigation of certain incremental dental positioning appliances and methods of producing same used for straightening teeth, based upon a complaint filed on January 11, 2006 by Align Technology, Inc. against Orthoclear, Inc. (CA), Orthoclear holdings, Inc. (BVI) and Orthoclear Pakistan Pvt. Ltd., (Pakistan). Align Technology, Inc. requests issuance of a permanent exclusion order and permanent cease and desist order.

✦ IP Strategy of Enterprise

◆China Entered into the List of Top Ten Countries

Submitting the Most PCT Patents Applications in 2005

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has issued a list of the Top Ten Countries submitting the most PCT patent applications in 2005 on its website. The U.S.A. is at the top of this list, with its PCT applications amounting to 45,111. China is among the top ten countries, for the first time, with its PCT applications amounting to 2,452.

◆IFPI Strongly Makes an Appeal to ISPs

Regarding Anti-piracy Actions

Digital sales of music all over the world exceeded \$1 billion USD in 2005. The International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI) has made an appeal to ISPs requesting that they cooperate more in anti- piracy efforts as soon as possible. The cases handled by IFPI regarding anti-piracy have focused more on the user - not the ISP.

★ IP Case

◆ Netac Sues PNY in U.S.A

Netac Technology Co., Ltd (“Netac”) has filed a complaint in the United States Federal District Court in the Eastern District of Texas, alleging that PNY, a U.S. company, infringed Netac’s U.S. Patent (No. 6, 829, 672). Netac requests that PNY stop producing and selling the flash memory device in the U.S.A. and make compensation.

★ Trade News

◆Panasonic Has Developed the World’ s

Biggest Plasma TV

Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. Ltd (“Panasonic”) has recently announced that

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Panasonic has developed a Plasma TV with the largest display screen in the world. The display screen of this TV measures 103 inches and its total image elements amount to 2.07 million (1920 X 1080 resolution).

IP Cooperation

◆MPS Cooperates with Trademark Office of SAIC in Handling Trademark Infringement

The Ministry of Public Security of P.R.C (MPS) and the Trademark Office of the State Administration for Industry & Commerce (SAIC) jointly issued *the Temporary Provisions on Several Matters concerning Strengthening Cooperation in Handling Trademark Infringement (hereinafter "the Provisions")*. The Provisions, which include 17 clauses, focus on the issuance of details of the cases and provide specific regulations regarding the scope, matter and system of cooperation.