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## ✦ *337 Investigation U.S*

### ◆ Recent 337 Complaints

On May 15, 2006, Creative Labs, Inc. filed a complaint requesting that the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) institute a Section 337 investigation regarding portable digital media players. The ITC has identified Apple Computers, Inc. as respondent in the above mentioned complaint.

On May 15, 2006, Telcordia Technologies, Inc. filed a complaint requesting that the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) institute a Section 337 investigation regarding telecommunications equipment. The ITC has identified 4 companies (Cisco Systems, Inc., San Jose, CA, Lucent Technologies, Inc., Murray Hill, NJ, Alcatel S.A., Paris, France and Alcatel USA, Inc., Plano, TX) as respondents in the above mentioned complaint.

## ✦ *IP Strategy of Enterprises*

### ◆ More than 600 Applications for Geography Indications from Home and Abroad have been Accepted in China

According to the statistics from the Trademark Bureau of State Administration for

Industry & Commerce of P.R.C, as of May 7, 2006, the Trademark Bureau has accepted more than 600 applications for Geography Indications, among which 32 are foreign applications; and 171 Geography Indications have been registered. At present, 27 of our provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the Central Government, have registered Geography Indications.

### IP Cases

#### **The First Judgment for the First Trade Secret Infringement Case in Xi'an has been made**

Recently, the Intermediate People's Court of Xi'an has issued the first judgment for a trade secret infringement case, the Guoliang Pei trade secret infringement case. Guoliang Pei has been sentenced to a 3-year imprisonment term with a fine of RMB 50,000 Yuan. This is the first Xi'an case in which a penalty was imposed for trade secret infringement. This case has also caused enterprises to pay attention to the protection and supervision of intellectual property rights while they are focusing on R&D. This judgment has also caused enterprises to establish and strengthen their administrative systems for intellectual property rights.

### Trade News

#### **75 Chinese books will be Introduced into Russia**

Recently, the Copyright Agency of China and Russian Phoenix Press have reached an

agreement in Changsha that the latter will be licensed to use and publish 75 Chinese books in Russia. These Chinese books are in the fields of culture, arts, history, politics, etc.

## ✨ IP Cooperation

### ◆ France has Launched a Large-scale Campaign to Crack Down on Fake Products

From April to June 2006, the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry Commission of Cracking Down on Fake Products and France Industrial Property Bureau, together have launched a nationwide campaign of cracking down on the fake famous brand products. They intend to let the public know the harm of buying fake products to both individuals and collectives, so as to protect the rights and benefits of the intellectual property rights owners and the public as well.

### ◆ Indonesia Signed Six International Conventions on Intellectual Property Rights

Recently, Indonesia signed the following six international conventions on intellectual property rights: *Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property*, *Patent Cooperation Treaty*, *Trademark Law Treaty*, *Berne Convention*, *WIPO Copyright Treaty and WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty*, to make progress toward getting its domestic legal system of intellectual property rights in line with international standards.

## ◆ **The Sino-Germany Bilateral Cooperation will be Strengthened on Intellectual Property Rights**

During the German Chancellor's visit to China, Germany and China signed bilateral cooperation documents regarding the fields of high-tech and intellectual property rights. The two sides have expressed that they will strengthen their cooperation on the protection of intellectual property rights.