

## ACRONYMS

AIA	Leahy-Smith America Invents Act
ARIPO	African Regional Intellectual Property Office
CPC	Cooperative Patent Classification
DOCDB	DOCument DataBase [EPO]
EAPO	Eurasian Patent Organization
ECLA	European Classification [EPO]
EPC	European Patent Convention [EPO]
EPO	European Patent Office
EU	European Union
FAOM	First office Action On Merits [USPTO]
FLASH	First Look Application Sharing
FOSR	Four Office Statistics Report
GIPA	Global IP Academy [USPTO]
FY	Fiscal Year
IB	International Bureau
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards [EPO]
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IP	Intellectual Property
IP5	Five IP Offices (EPO, JPO, KIPO, SIPO, USPTO)
IP5 SR	IP5 Statistics Report
IPC	International Patent Classification
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
IPEA	International Preliminary Examination Authority
ISA	International Searching Authority
IT	Information Technology
JP-FIRST	JP-Fast Information Release Strategy [JPO]

JPO	Japan Patent Office
KIPO	Korean Intellectual Property Office
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
PACE	Program for Accelerated Prosecution of European Patent Applications [EPO]
PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty
PPH	Patent Prosecution Highway
P.R. China	People's Republic of China
RCE	Requests for Continued Examination [USPTO]
R. Korea	Republic of Korea
RO	Receiving Office
SIPO	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China
SME	Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise
TSR	Trilateral Statistical Report
U.S.	United States of America
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization

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