Answer on AIPLA “Alerting” Questions from PDG European Industry Members

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Monitoring 3rd Party IP Rights

Short survey week 2 of 2019 on 34 PDG Impact Members, of which 17 companies answered

Results:

• All companies monitor 3rd party IP rights via Provider Tools
  ➢ GD not sufficient as not restricted to EP/CN monitoring
  ➢ Setting up family watch preferred

• RSS feed nearly not used – E-mail preferred

• Remarks:
  ➢ GD monitoring used for specific purposes (opposition etc.)
  ➢ Limited e-mail distribution list
  ➢ Insufficient info about service yet received
  ➢ Question on confidentiality unclear

Remarks
on “Patent Assignee Standardization” initiatives
from PDG European Industry Members

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Patent Assignee Name Standardization

At the IP5 Heads and Deputy Meeting in New Orleans 2017 it was agreed to proceed with the Global Mapping Table (GMT)

Remarks on the KIPO presentation for this meeting:

• KIPO states that a very small number of companies joined GMT
  ➢ When was the GMT opened for industry to join and for which IP5 industry?
  ➢ Are there any procedures/proposals within IP5 offices in place where a mapping table is stored and who cares for the circulation between the IP5 Offices?

• Why does KIPO consider “best model for ANS”?
  ➢ Were initial results of ANS approach sufficient to proceed with ANS algorithm?

• Result of WIPO initiative on Assignee Name Standardization cannot be foreseen

Patent Assignee Name Standardization – WIPO initiative

• In December 2018 WIPO conducted a survey on the use of the identifiers for applicants by National Intellectual Property Offices (IPOs) and on the problems, which might be associated with it – Industry was not included
• During questionnaire preparation, three rounds of discussions were carried out
• The following IP Offices or organizations actively participate in the discussion: BE, CL, CN, DE, GB, JP, PT, RU and the international bureau, as well as the PDG Impact Tasks Force “applicant name standardization”
• The IPO’s were asked to send back questionnaire answers to WIPO in January 2019
• WIPO plans to use the survey outcome for a workshop in April 2019
• WIPO will prepare a proposal for future actions aimed at the standardization of applicant names in IP documents and present it for consideration by CWS

Structure of WIPO questionnaire

The questionnaire consists of three parts:

a) Part A is for IPOs which use or intend to use identifiers for applicants

b) Part B is for IPOs which do not use and do not plan to use identifiers for applicants

c) Part C is aimed to find areas where IPOs can focus more on name standardization
Thank you very much