

## ACRONYMS

AIA	Leahy-Smith America Invents Act [USPTO]
ARIPO	African Regional Intellectual Property Office
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
CCD	Common Citation Document [EPO]
CEPCT	China Electronic PCT [SIPO]
CPC	Cooperative Patent Classification
CSP	Collaborative Search Pilot Program
DOCDB	DOCument DataBase [EPO]
EAPC	Eurasian Patent Convention
EAPO	Eurasian Patent Organization
ECLA	European Classification [EPO]
EPC	European Patent Convention [EPO]
EPN	European Patent Network [EPO]
EPO	European Patent Office
ESAB	Economic and Scientific Advisory Board [EPO]
EU	European Union
FA	First Action
FAOM	First Office Action on the Merits [USPTO]
FI	File Index
F-term	File Forming Term
FY	Fiscal Year

GCCPO	Gulf Cooperation Council Patent Office
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
IAM	Intellectual Assets Magazine
IB	International Bureau of WIPO
ID5	Industrial Design 5
IC	Integrated Circuits
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards [EPO]
ILPTO	Israel patent office [USPTO]
IoT	Internet of Things
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INPIT	National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training [JPO]
IP	Intellectual Property
IP5	Five IP Offices (EPO, JPO, SIPO, KIPO, USPTO)
IP5 PPH	IP5 Patent Prosecution Highway
IP5 SR	IP5 Statistics Report
IPC	International Patent Classification
IPEA	International Preliminary Examination Authority
IPOPHIL	Philippines Patent Office [USPTO]
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
ISA	International Searching Authority
ISR	International Search Report
IT	Information Technology

JPO	Japan Patent Office
KIPO	Korean Intellectual Property Office
MEN	Chinese Electronic Patent Examination System [SIPO]
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NMT	Neural machine translation [EPO]
OAPI	Organization Africaine de la Propriété Intellectuelle
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OFF	Office of First Filing [JPO]
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	Request for Continued Examination [USPTO]
RCEP	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
RIPC	Regional IP Centers
R. Korea	Republic of Korea
RO	Receiving Office
SAIC	State Administration for Industry and Commerce
SIPO	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China
SME	Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise
UAE	United Arab Emirates
UPC	Unified Patent Court [EPO]

U.S.	United States of America
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WO-ISA	PCT written opinion on patentability in the international phase
ZIT	A national patent classification for IoT-related technologies as “broad facet”

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