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PIPS hopes that 2007 has been good to you so far and that you are able to keep warm.

This newsletter contains current news about US patents and the US Patent and Trademark Office, current intellectual property (IP) court cases, domestic and international IP news and IP information of general interest.

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[USPTO](#)

[FY 2008 Budget Proposal for USPTO](#)

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...is \$1.916 billion. This is the fourth consecutive year the President's budget recommends full access to the agency's anticipated fee collections.

[USPTO DRAFT Strategic Plan 2007-2012](#)

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Optimizing the quality and timeliness of the patent and trademark review process heads the list of goals for the plan that will guide the agency from 2007-2012.

[USPTO Performance and Accountability Report Fiscal Year 2006](#)

uspto.gov

Financial and performance statistics for the US Patent and Trademark Office for FY 2006.

[USPTO Proposed Rule Changes to Focus the Patent Process in the 21st Century](#)

uspto.gov

... make its operations more efficient, to ensure that the patent application process promotes innovation, and to improve the quality of issued

patents. These pages have been developed to provide full transparency to the public about these ongoing efforts...

[Business Size Standard for Purposes of United States Patent and Trademark Office](#)

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...establishing the Small Business Administration (SBA) business size standard for the purpose of paying reduced patent fees.

[Google granted US patent for 'similarity engine'](#)

VNUNet.com - UK

The US Patent and Trademark Office has granted two patents to Google, one for 'methods and apparatus of estimating similarity' and one for a 'digital mapping ...

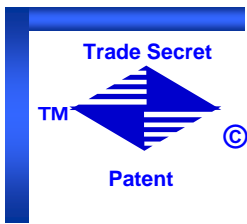
[Patent" claimed in 2006 for Bluetooth work done in 1995; Nokia ...](#)

newswireless.net - London,UK

A US University has filed a patent suit against Nokia, Samsung and Matsushita over the Bluetooth chips in their mobile phones. ...

[Scientists win patent for nanotech manufacturing process](#)

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In-PharmaTechnologist.com –
Montpellier, France
08/01/2007 - US researchers have been
awarded a patent for their new manufacturing
technology which enables the quick and cheap
production of nanoparticles ...

Neah Power Granted Another US Patent for Fuel Cell Electrode ...

Business Wire (press release) - San
Francisco, CA, USA
This patent expands Neah's Intellectual Property
beyond silicon substrates in relation to its core
electrode architecture. Any electrode material
that ...

The Altek Group Files Patent Application for Portable Fuel Cell ...

Fuel Cell Works (press release) - USA
The Altek Group is pleased to announce that it
has applied for a patent for a fully self-contained
portable Alkaline Fuel Cell Power Supply
System, ...

VeriChip Awarded US Patent for Portable RFID Asset Tracking System

PR Newswire (press release) - New York, NY
The patent, No. # 7116230, combines RFID
tagging technology with a portable receiver to
track the location of assets within a fixed setting,

Microsoft backpedals on programming patent

ZDNet - USA
Microsoft plans to withdraw an attempt to patent
technology already used in a free Java
programming project called BlueJ, the company
said Sunday. ...

COURTS

Patent lawsuit names online media heavyweights

CBC.ca - Alberta, Canada
Apple Computer, Google and Napster are all
named in a patent infringement lawsuit filed by
Intertainer, a now-defunct online video and
audio distribution ...

Awards lift patent damages to US\$1b

The Standard - Hong Kong
Juries in the United States awarded US\$1 billion
(HK\$7.8 billion) in patent damages last year -
almost triple the 2005 amount - as technology
companies stepped ...

Garmin Obtains Complete Victory on TomTom Patents, Will Pursue Own ...

GISuser.com (press release) -
Frederick, MD, USA
Garmin currently owns 289 US patents and 13
foreign patents and has 181 patent applications
pending. In early February of this year, Garmin
Ltd. and Garmin ...

Wireless: Patent suit could stunt Bluetooth's growth

International Herald Tribune - France
MILAN: Patent lawsuits are nothing new for the
technology sector. But a corner may have been
turned late last month when a foundation
representing the ...

Supreme Court: MedImmune can dispute patent

Bizjournals.com - Charlotte, NC, USA
MedImmune argues that Genentech's patent
claims on Synagis, a child respiratory tract
treatment that accounts for 70 percent of
MedImmune's sales, ...

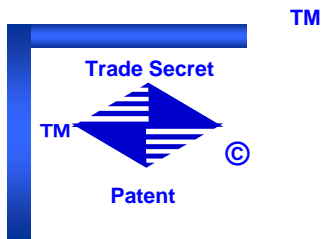
eBay decision changes balance of power in patent disputes

WTN News - Madison, WI, USA
...eBay overturned a long-standing presumption
in favor of granting permanent injunctions
against patent infringers....

Qualcomm loses patent case against Broadcom

Mobile Tech News (press release) –
Johnson, TN, USA
Broadcom is now in the final stages of preparing
additional cases that go to the heart of its patent
infringement disputes with Qualcomm
concerning cellular ...

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DOMESTIC

Patent Settlements Can Bring Generics to Market Sooner, Says GPhA

Drug Newswire (press release) -
Oakville,CT,USA

The Hatch-Waxman Act of 1984 allowed the resolution of patent disputes before the expiration of patents to accelerate consumer access to affordable ...

Wisconsin Group Eases Stem Cell Patent Restrictions After Groups ...

PharmaLive.com (press release) -
Newtown,PA,USA

FTCR and the Public Patent Foundation have challenged the validity of three WARF patents and the US Patent and Trademark Office has begun re-examination ...

Stem Cell Patent Enforcement Eased

Chemical & Engineering News - USA

The policy changes come as the US Patent & Trademark Office continues its review of the validity of the patents (C&EN, Jan. 15, page 31).
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Apotex To Launch Generic Plavix At Its Own Risk

Patent Baristas - Cincinnati,OH,USA

Apotex Inc. must be confident the patent on Plavix will be held invalid. In a gutsy move for a generic drug maker, Apotex (the Welterweight from Winnipeg) ...

INTERNATIONAL

'New' drugs said to escape patent restrictions

SciDev.net - UK

A British research team claims to have developed a way of bypassing patent restrictions on expensive drugs used against infectious diseases by radically ...

More on Indian pharma industry

By Gavin Baker

They were outraged by India's patent laws,

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which protected only the engineering process, not the product itself. In turn, they made India a pariah. At last bowing to this pressure, India fully joined the global patent standards last ...

Google Patent Search under fire

VNUNet.com - UK

Google's Patent Search, launched in beta last month, has come under fire over its use of optical character recognition software to make available more than ...

Global Boom in Intellectual Property Monetization Prompts Magazine ...

Earthtimes.org - USA

-- The launch of IP Investor, a monthly magazine covering the global market for intellectual property monetization, marks yet another milestone in the ...

Discussion on Intellectual Property Rights in China

Bike Europe - Netherlands

BEIJING, China – Recently a Conference on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) was held in Beijing with the goal of furthering IPR protection in China. ...

IAEE welcomes China's decision to take action on protecting ...

Travel Daily News International - Athens,Greece

The International Association of Exhibitions and Events (IAEE, formerly IAEM) will offer the latest update of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) regulations ...

China and Russia named worst for business piracy by corporate ...

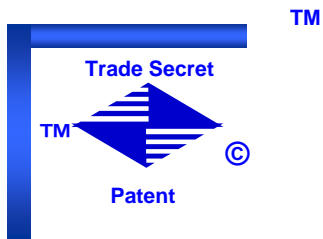
China Post - Taipei,Taiwan

"We need to educate policy-makers that greater investment in (intellectual property) enforcement will translate into more jobs and tax revenues, ...

Protecting Intellectual Property Rights in Chinese Courts: An ...

By Shirl Kennedy

Protecting Intellectual Property Rights in Chinese Courts: An Analysis of Recent Patent Judgements Source: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace In a new Carnegie Paper,



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Chinese Courts: An ...

CHILE PLACED ON US "PRIORITY WATCH LIST" FOR ALLEGED INTELLECTUAL ...

Santiago Times (subscription) - Santiago, Chile
"As such, our expectations for Chile's respect of
intellectual property rights are quite high. This
review reflects our concern that Chile is not
protecting ...

US, Japan to simplify patent process, fight piracy

Washington Post - Washington, DC, USA
WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States
and Japan announced on Monday plans to
harmonize their patent systems, streamline
patent application processes and ...

Novartis to proceed with case against Indian patent law

Business Standard - India
The protests from public interest groups
gathered momentum after a government
appointed committee on patent laws, headed by
former chief of the Council for ...

German government plans to ratify amendments to patent agreement

Heise Online - Hannover, Germany
The bills would implement the findings of a
conference of diplomats that took place back in
2000 for a revision of the European Patent
Agreement. ...

Novartis takes on patent law in Glivec case

Economic Times - India
Following rejection of its patent application for
anti-cancer drug Glivec, Swiss pharmaceutical

giant Novartis AG is not only challenging the
patent ...

OTHER

The Wall Street Journal® Partners with The Patent Board™ for ...

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Emediawire (press release) - Ferndale, WA, USA
The Patent Board's exclusive rankings of patent
and technology strength are now part of the Wall
Street Journal's weekly financial coverage. ...

Tech Valley patent index rises in 2006

Albany Business Review - Albany, NY, USA
The Tech Valley Patent Index recorded 2432
technology patents for the year, up from the
1925 that were recorded in 2005. In the Albany
region ...

Dahon Among Leading Intellectual Property Theft Victims in China

Bicycle Retailer - Laguna Hills, CA, USA
JANUARY 02, 2007 -- BEIJING, China (BRAIN)-
-In China this year over 4 million folding bicycles
will be sold, and well over 50 percent of them
will be in ...

Immigrants Involved in 25% of Start-Ups

New York Sun - New York, NY, USA
"This research shows that immigrants have
become a significant driving force in the creation
of new businesses and intellectual property in
the US — and ...

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: SIX CONSIDERATIONS TO SAFEGUARD YOUR ASSETS

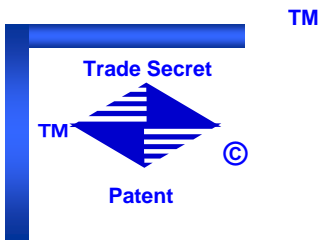
SearchCIO.com - USA
... be the sole intellectual property of your
corporation, you might be surprised to find out
that the Indian government has rights to your
patent filing. ...

Foreign patent applications jump in the US

EETimes.com - USA
SAN FRANCISCO — Patent application filings
by foreign nationals living in the US have
increased significantly in the past nine years,
according to Duke ...

Ocean Tomo Spring 2007 Live Intellectual Property Auction ...

Business Wire (press release) - San
Francisco, CA, USA
The Ocean Tomo Spring 2007 Live Intellectual
Property Auction Catalogue may now be viewed



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online at www.OceanTomoAuctions.com and
hardcopies may also be ...

[IP&R Shares the Top 10 Reasons Patent Holders Fail](#)

Business Wire (press release) - San
Francisco,CA,USA

Patent holders often believe that asking a few of
their friends and family members what they think
of their inventions is sufficient research. ...

[Evaluating a competitor's patent](#)

EDN.com - Newton,MA,USA

Whether it is the result of ever-increasing
numbers of patents issuing, or from the high
cost of hiring patent attorneys to review these
patents, ...

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