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SEASONS GREETINGS AND SELAMAT HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI 2016!

The year 2016 has been a turbulent year for the intellectual market and we here at Pintas IP Group were on the ride none the less. As we enter into the year 2016,



The Management and Staff of Pintas IP Group would like to wish everyone Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri. Maaf Zahir & Batin.

Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri!!!

IAM PATENT 1000 AWARD

We here at Pintas IP are proud to announce that one of our main achievements for 2015 is ranked in the IAM Patent 1000 under Top Patent Professionals and our Director, MrLokChoon Hong is featured as a leading individual in the Prosecution Category!



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Implications to IP owners BREXIT



The process of UK exiting from the EU will not begin until The UK government solicits Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, which regulates that a member's state withdrawal from the Union. Further, the Article contribute for the negotiation of an agreement, which sets out the arrangements for withdrawal, and is usually determined in two years, although it may be extended.

As a result, Britain will continue to be a member of the EU for at least 2 years or more. As whether the UK's exit from the EU will impact on the ability of IP professionals to obtain Pan-European protection for their clients, there is no need to be concern. In fact, EU legislation will remain untouched and no changes to the existing IP legislation are expected.

Patent protection post Brexit

This is because the UK is a signatory to both of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the European Patent Convention, which bestow the legal framework for international patent applications and European patent applications. As the European Patent Office(EPO) is not an EU institution, applicants will still be able to obtain patent protection in the UK directly, via an international filing and/or via a European application. European patent attorneys will continue to be able to seek European patents, which cover the EU member states as well as other non-EU member states.

Furthermore, the only area that remains vague in relation to patent protection are the Unitary Patent (UP) and Unified Patent Court (UPC). While these schemes have not been implemented, the loss of the UK from these schemes would be a significant blow, as it will potentially cast a doubt on whether the UP/UPC can proceed at all.

Presently, the rules remain unchanged, whereby if the UP/UPC goes ahead, all European Patent Attorneys will have the privilege to convert European patents into Unified patents and the attorneys will be able to act for clients before the Unified Patent Court, and in both pre-grant and post-grant actions.

Trademark positions post Brexit

As for Trademark, Trademark attorneys could still seek trademark protection in the UK, either via the UKIPO, or via an International Registration under the Madrid Protocol. This is because, the New European Union Trade Marks (EUTMs) and Registered Community Designs (RCDs), which are powerful in all EU states, will not be applied to the UK. However, existing EUTMs or EUTM designations of International Trademark registrations can be re-registered as national UK Trade Mark or Design registrations.

In conclusion, it is still uncertain when Britain will leave the EU officially. However, there is no doubt that the implications and timing of Britain exiting EU will cause reservation in the upcoming months and years. That being said, European attorneys are positive that they will be able to offer their clients in the same full and complete service for securing and sustaining international IP protection.



PENGUMUMAN

Inter IKEA Systems B.V., suatu perusahaan yang didirikan dan berada di bawah Undang-Undang Negara Belanda, berdasarkan di Oef Palmstraat 1, 2616 Delft, The Netherlands (selanjutnya disebut "Inter IKEA") adalah pemilik sah dan pemegang hak intelektual atas merek-merek "IKEA" dan variasinya.

Merek-merek "IKEA" telah digunakan sejak tahun 1961. Sementara itu, di Indonesia, Inter IKEA memberikan warisan terkait pendirian dari kegiatan retail "IKEA" pada tahun 2014.

Di Indonesia, Inter IKEA telah mendaftarkan merek-merek "IKEA" pada Direktorat Jendral Pendaftaran Kekayaan Intelektual, Kementerian Hukum dan Hak Asasi Manusia Republik Indonesia, untuk artikel lain, jenis barang terkait furnitur, peralatan rumah tangga di Kelas 20 dan pendaftaran merek tanggapan/pengecapan dapur di Kelas 21, dengan keterangan lebih lanjut sebagai berikut:

No	Merek	Kelas	Tanggal Pendaftaran	No. Pendaftaran
1.		20	19 September 2014	EM000424086
2.		20	19 September 2014	EM000424079
3.		21	19 September 2014	EM000424087

IKEA lost its IKEA trademark battle in Indonesia to an Indonesian local company

Inter IKEA Systems B.V. had registered the "IKEA" trademark with the Indonesian intellectual property twice, in 2006 and 2010 in classes 20 and 21 ("IKEA 2006 & 2010").

In 2013, PT Ratania Khatulistiwa, which is based in Surabaya, tried to register IKEA trademark (an acronym of Intan Khatulistiwa Esa Abadi) in class 20 and 21 but its application was objected by the Indonesia trademark registrar due to the prior IKEA 2006 & 2010.

PT Ratania applied to invalidated the IKEA 2006 & 2010) by arguing at the Jakarta court that Inter IKEA had not used the IKEA 2006 & 2010 commercially for three consecutive years.

On September 17, 2014, the Jakarta Court declared that the IKEA 2006 & 2010 was invalid due to non use. IKEA's appeal to the Indonesian Supreme Court was rejected.

The Indonesian court's decision serves as a sign for foreign companies to be even more cautious to invest in Southeast Asia's biggest economy at which is already growing at its weakest pace since the global financial crisis. Any business having the intention to open up in Indonesia has to be very careful to register all its trademarks to avoid their brand name getting hijacked.

However, Inter IKEA Systems B.V. through its advertisement published in KOMPASS dated 10 Feb 2016 clarifies that even though it lost IKEA 2006 & 2010, it is not barred from using IKEA trademark in Indonesia

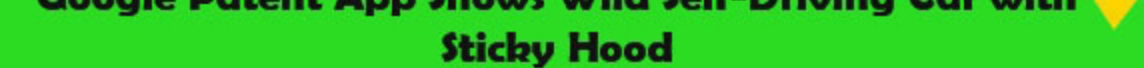
Inter IKEA Systems B.V. has managed to refile IKEA trademarks in Indonesia in classes 20 and 21 after they started their operation in Indonesia and the new IKEA trademarks were successfully registered on 19 September 2014.

In short, although IKEA had lost in the trademark case, but IKEA did not lose their right to the IKEA trademark all together in Indonesia.

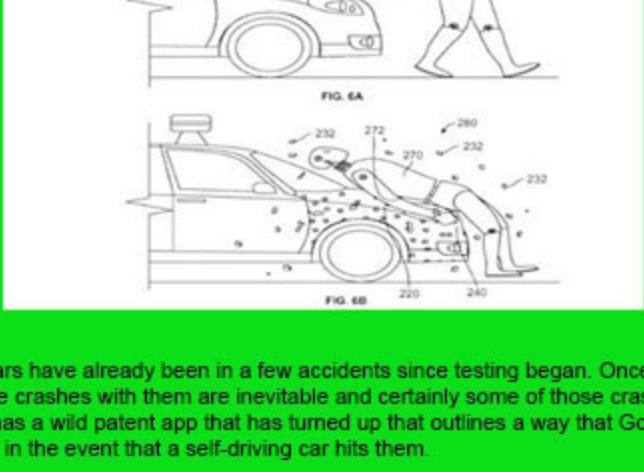
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Google Patent App Shows Wild Self-Driving Car with Sticky Hood



Google self-driving cars have already been in a few accidents since testing began. Once self-driving cars are in normal operation more crashes with them are inevitable and certainly some of those crashes will involve pedestrians. Google has a wild patent app that has turned up that outlines a way that Google thinks it might be able to protect pedestrians in the event that a self-driving car hits them.

The patent outlines a special hood that has an egg shell-like coating on it that cracks and releases glue if a pedestrian is stuck and thrown onto the hood. The glue would instantly grab the pedestrian and lock them to the hood to help reduce injury. Exactly how the pedestrian would be removed for medical assistance or to keep walking to work is unknown.

We have no idea if the tech in the patent app will ever be used, it seems a bit farfetched. Anything that can help prevent injuries in a vehicle-pedestrian accident would be welcome. Google admits that it may never use the tech as well. A Google spokesman said, "We hold patents on a variety of ideas," she said. "Some of those ideas later mature into real products and services, some don't."

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