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Sub : Stakeholders Consultation on IPR Issues

Dear Member,

This is to inform you that Council has received a communication from the Cell of IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM), Dept. of DPIIT, MoC&I regarding a Stakeholder Consultation scheduled under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, DPIIT to discuss the issues and concerns of the stakeholders pertaining to streamlining the registration process and reducing pendency across all IPRs.

In this connection, DPIIT has called for a preliminary discussion (Webinar) with stakeholders which is scheduled on Friday, 28th October 2022 from 03:00 pm onwards to deliberate on the issues related to Geographical Indications (GI).

The agenda items related to Geographical Indications to be discussed during the meeting are as under:

- Streamlining Procedural Timelines
- Digitization of IP Applications

What is Geographical Indication (GI)?

GI as defined under World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or reputation that are due to that origin. The characteristics and qualities of the products are attributable to the geographical place of production. In case of manufactured goods, one of the activities of either the production or processing of the goods concerned should take place in such territory, region or locality as the case may be.

Subsequently a Meeting of stakeholders shall be held on Thursday, 3rd November 2022 at 3 pm at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi to deliberate on the issues and concerns of the stakeholders pertaining to streamlining the registration process and reducing pendency across all IPRs.

What is IPR?

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) are the rights given to persons over the creations of their minds and are critical in fostering innovation and creativity. Hence, the rights provide the creator or innovator an exclusive right over the use of his/her creation for a certain period of time. India, aspires to safeguard public interest in the face of industrial and technological growth. It is, therefore, imperative for India to maintain a fine balance between private rights through IPRs on one hand and rights of the society as public interest on the other hand. This could only be achieved by establishing an IPR ecosystem that facilitates an environment of research and innovation that is consistent with larger public interest while ensuring a fair competition in industrial, economic, social, scientific and technological spheres. The strengthening of IPR regime has gained further significance in light of the Government's focus on 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

In this regard the Council seeks inputs/suggestions from stakeholders on issues related to IPR. You may send us your inputs/suggestions latest by tomorrow i.e Friday 28th October by 11 am to <u>ed@texprocil.org</u>, <u>info@texprocil.org</u> to enable us to send the same to DPIIT. We request you to nominate a representative from your Company who is well-versed with the subject to attend the Webinar to be held 28 October 2022, from 03:00 pm onwards and inform the Council accordingly. Details of the webinar shall be shared on your confirmation of participation to the Council for the said Meeting.

Regards,

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