

IP NEWS- AUGUST 2014

1. Vringo vs. ZTE: DHC vacates injunction against ZTE.

This News deals with law suit filed by Vringo against ZTE for infringing Indian patent 200572 patent. Justice V.K. Shali in an eloquent decision that covered the factors involved in a patent litigation for an injunction, patented technology and the non-infringement position, expert affidavit filed by Vringo.

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2. Public Notice regarding Increase in the Trade Mark Application fees.

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3. Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks publishes Revised Draft Guidelines For Examination Of Patent Application In The Field Of Pharmaceuticals.

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4. Research labs to help fight patent war.

A laboratory, devoted to research and document qualities has aimed to publish findings on indigenous plants and crops in established journals to prevent multi-national companies from filing patent for the same.

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5. Samsung, Apple drop patent disputes pending in courts outside US.

Samsung Electronics Co Ltd and Apple Inc said they had agreed to drop all patent litigation outside the United States, scaling down a protracted legal battle between the smartphone rivals. The iPhone and Galaxy handset makers issued nearly identical statements announcing the global ceasefire

while vowing to pursue ongoing litigation in the United States.

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6. United States Patent Issued to Adamas Pharmaceuticals

Adamas Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ADMS , on August 5 announced that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) issued U.S. Patent No. 8,796,337, entitled "Composition and Method For Treating Neurological Disease." The claims of this patent are directed towards methods for treating human subjects with amantadine therapy, including Adamas' lead product candidate ADS-5102 and similar amantadine-based products.

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7. Patent office scandal again shakes confidence

The U.S. Patent Office is the lifeblood of Silicon Valley's technology industry. Opening a branch in San Jose City Hall early in 2015 will be a huge boost to innovation here and an attraction for startups. It's expected to speed up application reviews that have taken years — in part because too few examiners were on the job

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8. PTO Publishes First Post-Grant Review Petition Opposing Recently Issued Patent.

The most compelling aspect of the 2011-enacted America Invents Act for many in the patent community finally made its debut almost three years later. On Aug. 5, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board made publicly known for the first time the filing of a post-grant review petition

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9. Vringo Loses Appeals Court Ruling in Google Patent Case.

Google Inc. (GOOG) won its bid to overturn a \$30.5 million patent-infringement verdict, a reversal that sent shares of Vringo Inc. (VRNG) down 72 percent. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington determined that the Vringo patents in the case were invalid.

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10. Dandi Salt v. Union of India: Copyright Board may consider Review Applications

Justice Vibhu Bakhru of the Delhi High Court recently passed an order stating that the Registrar of Copyrights does not have the power to adjudicate upon the merits of an application preferred by the Copyright Board, and that the Copyright Board may review its own decisions. The review application was initiated by the petitioners by after their delayed appeal was rejected by the Registrar.

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11. INTA President Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Brazil's IP Office

The International Trademark Association (INTA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil (INPI) during a high-level delegation visit to the country.

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12. New law to crack down on patent trolls.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan issued a news release lauding Gov. Pat Quinn for signing into law a bill to protect businesses from "patent trolls" who seek to acquire patents to profit from fraudulent

infringement claims against legitimate companies.

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13. Apple loses bid for Samsung US sales ban after patent win.

Apple Inc. failed again to win a sales ban on Samsung Electronics Co. products found to infringe its smartphone patents, even after requesting what it described as a more limited prohibition.

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14. Japan's attempt to get in stricter patent protection into free trade agreement raises concern.

Japan's attempt to get in stricter patent protection laws at the just-concluded round of negotiation of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) which includes India. At the third round of negotiation this year, Japan had tabled a proposal called the Elements paper which included stringent measures on intellectual property.

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15. Domain Name News: Indian Government Launches 'Desi' Domain Names; Reliance Withdraws Bid for '.indians'.

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) had recognized the need to make the internet accessible in more languages and had made Internationalised Domain Names (that is, Domain Names in non-Latin scripts) available to governments back in 2011. Three years later, the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) has now decided to release Internationalised Domain Names in seven Indian Languages.

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