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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 11/2007 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. Announcement: Trademarks, patents and designs at www.swissreg.ch instead of in your mailbox

As of July 1, 2008, trademarks, patents, designs and topographies will no longer be published in the Swiss Commercial Gazette (SHAB), the Swiss patent gazette (+pat+) or the Swiss designs gazette (mod. dép.). The legally effective publication of new registrations and changes will be exclusively electronic (<http://www.ige.ch/E/news/2007/n0102.shtm>) via the Institute's intellectual property database <http://www.swissreg.ch/>.

2. Indian-Swiss Dialog on Intellectual Property Begins

The first meeting of the Indian-Swiss committee on intellectual property (<http://www.ige.ch/E/jurinfo/j132.shtm>) took place in Bangalore, India on December 13, 2007. The purpose of the committee is to facilitate regular exchange on important issues concerning intellectual property in the trade relations between the two countries. The committee will be jointly chaired by the Indian Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property.

3. Principle of national exhaustion in patent rights upheld

Competitive advances are achieved only through innovation. Patents protect technological innovations as property. Patent protection guarantees the creator the exclusive commercial use of his innovations. It also grants him the right to prohibit the importation of a patent protected product distributed abroad by himself (principle of national exhaustion in patent rights). In the dispatch approved by the Federal Council today, an amendment of the patent law upholds this principle. Changing systems would be a federal intrusion into property rights and would not lead to improved economic performance. See the press release in German (<http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/documents/j10067d.pdf>), French (<http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/documents/j10067f.pdf>) or Italian (<http://www.ige.ch/I/jurinfo/documents/j10067i.pdf>) and the documentation for downloading: <http://www.ige.ch/E/jurinfo/j100.shtm#a07>.

4. Latest annual report (2006/07) available now

The annual report of the 11th reporting year includes articles on the patent law amendment, 'Swissness' and the Institute's new office building as well as the activity reports for all the intellectual property areas and the financial report. Order a copy (<http://www.ige.ch/E/bestell/b10.shtm>) or download it as a PDF: <http://www.ige.ch/E/institut/i102.shtm>.

Season's greetings and a happy New Year.

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