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**Continuation of the Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot Program between the Hungarian
Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office**

BUDAPEST – The Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) have agreed to extend the Patent Prosecution Highway pilot program (PPH).

On July 1, 2010, the HIPO (then Hungarian Patent Office) and the USPTO commenced a pilot PPH program which enabled an applicant whose claims have been determined allowable/patentable in an application filed in the USPTO or in HIPO to have the corresponding application filed in the HIPO or in the USPTO advanced out of turn for examination, respectively. The two Offices agreed that the pilot program would last for a period of one year ending on June 30, 2011, but may be extended for an additional time period thereafter.

In order to adequately assess the feasibility of the PPH program, the HIPO and the USPTO have agreed to extend the pilot in its current state in order to collect more information before any formal decision on the program is made.

Inquires on the PPH pilot program may continuously be directed to Mr. Szabolcs Farkas at (361) 474-5902 or szabolcs.farkas@hipo.gov.hu or to Mr. József Kürtös at (361) 474-5871 or jozsef.kurtos@hipo.gov.hu.

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