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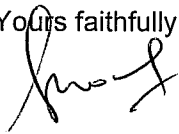
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Dear Patent Users,

PUBLIC CONSULTATION: DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EVERY REGISTERED PATENT AGENT IN SINGAPORE WHO HAS IN FORCE A PRACTISING CERTIFICATE

1. IPOS invites your views on a Draft Code of Conduct that would apply to every registered patent agent in Singapore who has in force a practising certificate ("the Code").
2. Part III of the Patents (Patent Agents) Rules 2001 ("the Rules") contains provisions on Disciplinary Proceedings. The Code has been developed to clarify "conduct unbefitting a member of his profession" in rule 17(1)(g) of the Rules. This clarity would benefit the registered patent agent in Singapore who has in force a practising certificate, as well as his clients and potential clients.
3. The Code is based on the Association of Singapore Patent Agents' ("ASPA") original Code of Conduct dated 21 May 2004, and was revised after discussions between ASPA and IPOS.
4. Specifically, the objectives of the Code are:
 - (a) to provide a framework for fair and equitable dealing between a registered patent agent in Singapore who has in force a practising certificate and his clients;
 - (b) to provide a standard of acceptable conduct that can be used in the settling of disputes; and
 - (c) to assist complainants to understand the obligations of a registered patent agent in Singapore who has in force a practising certificate to his clients.
5. We would be grateful if your comments could reach Ms Leong Hun Ying by email at Leong_Hun_Ying@ipos.gov.sg by the **29th September 2006**. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



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