

## ACRONYMS

AIA	Leahy-Smith America Invents Act [USPTO]
ARIPO	African Regional Intellectual Property Office
CPC	Cooperative Patent Classification
DOCDB	DOCument DataBase [EPO]
EAPO	Eurasian Patent Organization
ECLA	European Classification [EPO]
EPC	European Patent Convention [EPO]
EPN	European Patent Network [EPO]
EPO	European Patent Office
ESAB	Economic and Scientific Advisory Board [EPO]
EU	European Union
FA	First Action
FAOM	First Office Action On Merits [USPTO]
FOSR	Four Office Statistics Report
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GIPA	Global IP Academy [USPTO]
FY	Fiscal Year
IB	International Bureau of WIPO
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards [EPO]
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INPIT	National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training [JPO]
IP	Intellectual Property
IP5	Five IP Offices (EPO, JPO, KIPO, SIPO, USPTO)
IP5 SR	IP5 Statistics Report
IPC	International Patent Classification
IPEA	International Preliminary Examination Authority
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
IPRP	International Preliminary Reports on Patentability
ISA	International Searching Authority

ISR	International Search Reports
IT	Information Technology
JP-FIRST	JP-Fast Information Release Strategy [JPO]
JPO	Japan Patent Office
KIPO	Korean Intellectual Property Office
OAPI	Organization Africaine de la Propriété Intellectuelle
OEE	Office of Earlier Examination [JPO]
OFF	Office of First Filing [JPO]
OHIM	Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market [EPO]
OLE	Office of Later Examination [JPO]
OPD	One Portal Dossier
OSF	Office of Second Filing [JPO]
PACE	Program for Accelerated Prosecution of European Patent Applications [EPO]
PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty
PPH	Patent Prosecution Highway
P.R. China	People's Republic of China
RCE	Requests for Continued Examination [USPTO]
R. Korea	Republic of Korea
RO	Receiving Office
SBC	Server-Based Cloud [KIPO]
SIPO	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China
SME	Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise
TSR	Trilateral Statistical Report
U.S.	United States of America
USPC	United States Patent Classification System
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization

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