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NOTIFICATION OF BAIL-OUT MEASURES FOR APPLICANTS AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI DISASTER IN JAPAN

The earthquake and tsunami occurred on March 11, 2011 is a severe disaster for socio-economic life of Japanese people in general and Japanese applicants of IPRs in particular.

According to Article 3 and Article 161 of the Civil Code as well as the practice of law application in Viet Nam, the National Office of Intellectual Property of Viet Nam hereby notifies bail-out measures as follows:

- For those applicants affected by the earthquake and tsunami occurred on March 11, 2011 in Japan, the period of time that the procedures for filing industrial property applications were affected by the disaster shall be considered as "grace period" and shall not be calculated when determining applicable terms specified by law;

- Applicants who wish to avail themselves of the bail-out measures should indicate the period of time affected by the disaster by submitting a document so certified by any relevant competent authority.

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