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SEMINAR ANNOUNCEMENT

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“AN OVERVIEW OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS”

DATE: Tuesday, March 9, 2004

TIME: 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

**PLACE: Seminar Room 307
3rd Floor, RCAST Building 3**

ABSTRACT

- The importance of IPR in today's economy
- General patent prosecution matters
- Patent filing statistics in the filed of semiconductor light emitters
- How to retrieve patent information (possible online demo)

BIOGRAPHY

Johan E. van der Linden is working as a patent examiner at the European Patent Office (EPO) in Hague - the Netherlands. He started at the EPO in June 1999 as a search examiner in the area of semiconductor processing. He changed technical field to Semiconductor Light Emitting Devices in 2001 and later became a chief examiner and documentation manager for applications relating to Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs - IPC: H01L33). In 2002, he started acting as a substantive examiner. He also participates in activities organised by the EPO public relations department (DG5), representing the EPO at international trade fairs and was recently appointed project manager of the Trilateral Harmonisation Project on LED-based lamps / solid-state lighting devices.

* BSc degree in Electro-Mechanical Engineering from School for Industrial Engineering, Antwerp (Belgium) in 1990 with a thesis on 'Noise reduction in sterile environments' at Pharmacia & Upjohn, Puurs (Belgium).

* MSc degree in Engineering Physics from Ghent University (Belgium) in 1994 with an exchange at the Faculty of Telecommunication - Polytechnical University of Madrid (Spain) and a thesis on 'Monolithic GaAs-based photodetector arrays with high-voltage output' at the Research Institute for Solar Energy (Spain).

* PhD degree in Engineering Physics from Ghent University - INTEC dept. in 2000 based on a research project between IMEC (Belgium) and Akzo Nobel Central Research (Netherlands) on 'Polymer-on-silicon optical waveguide circuits as hybrid integration platform and their application to optical telecommunication network components'. Project result: inventor for Patent Application WO9737261 (IP rights currently assigned to JDS Uniphase).

* CEIPI-epi basic training course on European Industrial Property Law in 2001.

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