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To
AKIRA MATSUNAGA
Commissioner
Japan Patent Office (JPO)
3-4-3 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo, 100-8915, Japan

Subject: **Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) with INPI Brazil**

Dear Commissioner,

1. We make reference to the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot project signed with JPO on December, 2018 through a Statement of Intention (SOI).
2. In this context, according to the Item 7 regarding its duration, the Offices may suspend or end the Pilot Project before the end of the pilot period, by sending a written communication at least 30 days prior to the date of suspension or end.
3. Considering the information above and that INPI has a new approach to the PPH, as mentioned on the letter sent August 16th, 2019, we would like to communicate our interest on terminating the said SOI on November 30th, 2019.
4. As for this new INPI PPH Pilot Project model, we confirm that it will begin on December 1st, 2019 for all the interested partners with whom we have signed a new memorandum of understanding. Besides that, unlike to what we have informed before, it will accept divisional patent applications, as long as the originals and all divisional have a request for fast-track and reach the requirements to be prioritized.
5. Should you have any doubt, we will be pleased to share any further clarification.
6. Yours sincerely,


Cláudio Vilar Furtado
President



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