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Notice regarding judgment in lawsuit

This is to announce that, today, the Intellectual Property High Court of Japan delivered a judgment in a suit seeking cancellation of a trial decision that invalidated a registered mark owned by Sharp Corporation (“Sharp”). The details are as follows:

1. History leading up to judgment

As described below, Sharp (“Plaintiff”) filed a suit against Japan Science and Technology Agency, an independent administrative institution (“JST”), in the Intellectual Property High Court (Japan), seeking cancellation of a trial decision that invalidated the registered mark “IGZO” (registration No. 5451821) owned by Sharp.

History of trademark registration for the registered mark “IGZO” and developments in this suit

June 24, 2011	Sharp filed a trademark application for the mark “IGZO” with Japan Patent Office.
November 18, 2011	Japan Patent Office approved the registration of the mark “IGZO.”
July 31, 2013	JST filed a request for a trial seeking invalidation of Sharp’s registered mark “IGZO”.
March 13, 2014	Sharp received an attested note issued by Japan Patent Office to the effect that Sharp’s registered mark “IGZO” was invalid.
April 10, 2014	Sharp filed a suit seeking cancellation of the trial decision invalidating Sharp’s registered mark with the Intellectual Property High Court.

2. Adverse party against which Sharp filed the suit (Defendant / Petitioner for invalidation trial with respect to Sharp’s registered mark “IGZO”):

- (1) Name: Japan Science and Technology Agency, an independent administrative institution
- (2) Location: Kawaguchi Center Building, 4-1-8, Honcho, Kawaguchi-shi, Saitama Pref.,
Japan
- (3) Representative: Michiharu Nakamura, President

3. Court which made the judgment, judgment date and case number

- (1) Name: Intellectual Property High Court (Japan)
- (2) Date of Judgment: February 25, 2015
- (3) Case Number: 2014 (Gyo-ke) 10089
Original decision by Japan Patent Office
Invalidation Trial No. 2013-890052

4. Details of judgment

The contents of the judgment are as follows:

- (1) Plaintiff's claims is dismissed.
- (2) Cost of suit shall be borne by Plaintiff.

5. Future prospects

Sharp's trademark targeted by this suit is "IGZO," consisting of the alphabet letters "I", "G", "Z" and "O" (except for the trademark for hand-held gaming devices). Once the judgment in this suit becomes a final and binding decision, "IGZO" will no longer be Sharp's registered trademark. Sharp owns registered trademarks "✳IGZO", "イグゾー", "イグゾーパネル" and so on, in addition to "IGZO" as listed in section 6 below. These marks have no relation to this suit and they remain Sharp's registered trademarks. This judgment has no negative impact on Sharp's business performance.

Sharp will scrutinize the details of this judgment and appropriately deal with this issue, including appealing to the Supreme Court and so on.

6. "IGZO"-related marks owned by Sharp

Trademark	Field of Goods	Registration Date	Remarks
IGZO	Smart phones, Mobile phones, Personal Computers, LCD TVs, etc.	November 18, 2011	The trademark targeted by this suit
IGZO	Hand-held gaming devices	December 2, 2011	
✳IGZO	Smart phones, Mobile phones, Personal Computers, LCD TVs, etc. Hand-held gaming devices, etc.	March 8, 2013	
✳IGZO	Medical machinery and apparatus, etc.	March 7, 2014	
イグゾー	Smart phones, Mobile phones, Personal Computers, LCD TVs, etc.	November 18, 2011	
イグゾー	Hand-held gaming devices	December 2, 2011	
イグゾーパネル	Smart phones, Mobile phones, Personal Computers, LCD TVs, etc. Hand-held gaming devices, etc.	December 16, 2011	
✳	Smart phones, Mobile phones, Personal Computers, LCD TVs, etc. Hand-held gaming devices	March 8, 2013	

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