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Sir,

The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is pleased to invite representatives of your Office/Organization to attend the WIPO Standards Workshop on Blockchain for Intellectual Property (IP). The Workshop will take place at WIPO headquarters in Geneva on April 29 and 30, 2019. There will also be a meeting of the Blockchain Task Force under the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) on May 1, 2019.

Blockchain technology is an issue of growing interest among IP Offices, applicants, owners, licensees, and other users of IP data and information. The Blockchain Workshop is intended to explore potential uses of Blockchain technology for IP information management by IP offices and others. The goals of the Workshop are to gain a better understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of Blockchain technology, identify business cases in IP that could potentially benefit from Blockchain technology, and explore appropriate roles for the public and private sectors in potential uses of Blockchain for the IP ecosystem. The program will provide an overview of Blockchain technology, including strengths, weaknesses, and uses in various industries, explore applications of Blockchain for IP and then develop areas for standardization of IP data for Blockchain.

The provisional program of the Blockchain Workshop is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=51407. The language of the meeting will be English.

It would be appreciated if the name(s), title(s) and contact details of the person(s) representing your Office/Organization could be communicated to the International Bureau of WIPO by April 5, 2019, preferably by registering online at: https://www3.wipo.int/registration/en/form.jsp?meeting_id=51407.

Any questions about this Workshop may be addressed to the Secretariat at cws.mail@wipo.int.

Yours sincerely,



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