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| Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) Submission on Proposed changes to Chapter 17 of the MOPOP |
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**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendation 1:** We recommend that the Government of Canada implement a First Patent Program or patent incentive program similar to Quebec’s Passeport Innovation, to cover both the initial searching and establishment of an IP strategy, and the drafting and filing of at least a first patent application on an invention.

**Recommendation 2:** We recommend that the Government of Canada stimulus program directed to Canadian SMEs provide funds for Brand Protection Strategy to cover costs associated with clearance searches and trademark applications.

**Recommendation 3:** IPIC would like to see legislation or policy mandating that all federal government subsidies and research grants must earmark a small percentage of the funds to be used on IP strategic advice and professional services to ensure our public investments in Canadian innovations are protected and commercialized by Canadian companies.

**INTRODUCTION**

The Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) is the professional association of patent agents, trademark agents and lawyers practicing in all areas of intellectual property law. Our membership totals over 1700 individuals, consisting of practitioners in law firms and agencies of all sizes, sole practitioners, in-house corporate intellectual property professionals, government personnel, and academics. Our members’ clients include virtually all Canadian businesses, universities and other institutions that have an interest in intellectual property (e.g., patents, trademarks, copyrights, and industrial designs) in Canada or elsewhere, as well as foreign companies that hold intellectual property rights in Canada.

IPIC is pleased to respond to the request by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) for comments on the proposed Rules Amending the *Patent Rules* as published in Canada Gazette Part I, Vol. 144, No. 40 on October 2, 2010. This submission was prepared by the Patent Legislation Committee and by the Climate Change Group of the Emerging Issues Committee and was reviewed, edited and approved by IPIC’s Board of Directors.

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# CONCLUSION

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed *Rules Amending the Patent Rules*. We would be pleased to review any of these points in more detail with CIPO and look forward to future discussions on this initiative.

If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our CEO.