

REGIMBEAU STRENGTHENS ITS PRESENCE IN EUROPE

Paris, Munich, 10 September 2012 - Building on its European Patent experience, REGIMBEAU, a French Intellectual Property law firm, is strengthening its presence in Europe by opening a permanent office in Munich from September 2012, implementing a specific organisation and dedicated resources to the treatment of European Patents for its foreign clients.

"This new organisation pools REGIMBEAU's skills and resources in the specific processes relating to European patents. It benefits from our years of practice in advising and representing clients before the European Patent Office (EPO), including our extensive experience in opposition proceedings. All the while, specializing and adapting to the needs and particular constraints of our foreign clients" proclaimed Frank TETAZ - former examiner at the EPO - and Jérôme COLLIN, both European Patent Attorneys and Partners at REGIMBEAU.

The Munich office will be the bridgehead of this organisation dedicated to European procedures, and furthermore, can depend on the expertise of some 30 qualified European Patent Attorneys that make up REGIMBEAU, to advise and represent clients before the EPO.

Sylvain THIVILLER, French and European Patent Attorney, will be in charge of the Munich office. Sylvain will seek to implement the expertise that he has acquired during 8 years at REGIMBEAU, in the Paris then Lyon offices, founded on a high level of technicality and with a comprehensive global approach to the industrial and financial challenges of our clients.

"With the geographic proximity to the EPO and the future European Court of Patents (also present in London and Paris), our aim is optimal reactivity and a harmonisation and fluidity of exchanges within the framework of European examination proceedings, opposition and litigation. The installation of a dedicated organisation will allow us to provide a service specifically fitted to the needs of our foreign clients" declares Sylvain THIVILLIER.

The establishment in Munich places REGIMBEAU at the heart of the European Patent Authorities and indicates its willingness to become a key European player in a context where the number of European patent applications is constantly increasing.

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REGIMBEAU in figures:

- More than 80 years of existence
- 200 employees
- 3rd French and 6th European agent in number of PCT patent applications made
- Classed in the 1st tier of French Industrial Property Cabinets by IAM, MIP and Décideurs magazine.

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