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China's IP in foreign eyes

hina plans to pour some 2 trillion yuan (£ 197bn) into the development of technologies to overcome water pollution of its water resources. The planned investment, announced in China Securities Journal citing China's Ministry of Environmental Protection, will go towards water treatment technologies such as recycling and membrane technology. (China to fight water pollution with technology investment, by E&T Magazine)

中国计划投资约2万亿元人民 币(约合 1970 亿欧元)用于发展克 服水资源污染问题的技术。据中国 证券报报道,中国环境保护部门宣 布,这项计划中的投资将用于水再 生技术、膜技术等水处理技术。("中 国加大科技投资应对水污染难题", 工程与技术杂志)

Comments:

The number of people living in China accounts for about a fifth of the overall global population, however, the country only has about 7 per cent of global water resources. It's urgent for China to set goals to improve its water quality by investing in hi-tech development. We're expecting technologies playing a really helpful role

生活在中国的人口数约占全 球人口总数的 1/5. 但中国的水资 源却只有全球水资源总量的7%左 右。设定提高水质的目标,加大对 高新技术的研发投资,对中国而言 迫在眉睫。我们期待更多拥有知识 产权的创新成果在这里能够尽快 发挥作用。



ongfeng Motor Group Co Ltd announced that it and the French government would inject 800 million euros (\$1.10 billion) each into the troubled French carmaker as part of a 3 billion euro plan to rescue the loss-making firm. (China's Dongfeng to invest \$300 million in technology centre, by Reuters)

东风汽车集团股份有限公司日 前宣布,将与法国政府合作,分别注 资8亿欧元(合11亿美元)于陷入 困境的标致雪铁龙集团, 作为其挽 救该公司的 30 亿欧元计划的一部 分。("中国东风投资3亿美元打造 技术中心",路透社)

Comments:

Expansion of the technology centre in Wuhan in central China, to be completed in 2016, would lay a foundation for Dongfeng to develop advanced technologies to boost its indigenous passenger vehicles. International cooperation in areas including research and distribution in other markets would drive the company go faster and further overseas.

点评:

东风集团在武汉扩建的技术中 心将于2016年完工,将为东风集团 开发先进技术以提高本土乘用车发 展奠定的坚实基础。在研发和市场 销售等领域开展跨国合作, 也将推 动东风集团在国际化道路实现更快 的发展。

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China grants 1st biological jet fuel airworthiness certificate to Sinopec

中外生物航煤专利储备战悄然展开

an gutter oil be fuel of civil aircraft? Recently, China gave an affirmative answer to this question.

On February, 12, The Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) granted the No. 1 Chinese Technical Standard Order Authorization (CTSOA) for biological jet fuel production to Sinopec Corp. in Beijing. This means that Sinopec's No.1 biological jet fuel could be airworthiness. The biological jet fuel that Sinopec made from rape seed, cotton seed and waste oil is now qualified for industrial production. Hence, Sinopec has become the first Chinese enterprise to own independently-developed technology for biological jet fuel.

Insiders said the biological jet fuel marked a milestone for the development of China's aviation industry. China also became the fourth country with independently-developed production technologies of biological jet fuel, following the United States, France and Finland. American Exxon Mobil Corporation, France's Total and Finland Neste Oil have filed patent applications in China, starting the patent war of technologies of biological jet fuel.

Biological jet fuel is no longer unreachable

"This is major technological breakthrough of China's biological jet fuel, which all Chinese should be proud of," said Dai Houliang, senior vice president of Sinopec.

Up to now, according to Derwent World Patent Index (WPI), Sinopec has filed 39 patent applications of biological fuel at home and abroad. Of the 39 patent applications, 2 have been granted in America, and 17 have been granted in China.

It is known that the biological jet fuel is transformed from renewable resources such as palm oil,



waste oil and animal fat, etc. On January, 7, 2009, the first test fly of biological jet fuel in the world was conducted successfully by the U.S. Continental Airlines. In the same year, Sinopec started the research work on aviation bio-fuels and had developed a set of technologies with independent intellectual property rights (IPR). In October, 2012, Sinopec successfully transformed waste oil into aviation bio-fuel.

To benefit people by industrial application

It is an international competition of cutting-edge technology of biological jet fuel as well as an effective way to reduce carbone emission and independence on petroleum—the industrialization of biological jet fuel is quite promising. "Compared with traditional petroleum-based jet fuel, biological jet fuel could reduce carbon dioxide and particulate pollutant emission," said a principal in Sinopec.

"It is an important innovation for our country to promote biological jet fuel with independent IPRs," said a principal in CAAC during the interview, who stressed that the license was of great significance to the development and application of biological jet fuel in aviation.

It is estimated that the global demand for aviation fuel will increase by less than 5% every year in the future. However, the demand in China will increase by over 10% every year, which will influence the stable supply of aviation fuel.

"With the technologies bio-jet fuel developing, patent war starts," said an insider. Up to now, American applicants have filed approximately 200 patent applications of biological fuel in China, including the petroleum industry giants such as Exxon Mobil Corporation as well as Chevron Corporation. Meanwhile, 20 patent applications have been filed by French applicants include French petroleum institute and Total. About 10 applications have been filed by Finn, and Neste Oil is one of the applicants.

"Based on the No.1 biological jet fuel, Sinopec would continue to expand the scope of raw material of biological jet fuel, and conduct deep cooperation with both domestic as well as foreign airline operators in order to realize commercial flight powered by biological jet fuel and brace for the marketization and industrialization of biological jet fuel," said Dai Houliang.

(by Zhang Haizhi)

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地沟油也可作为民航飞机的燃 料?这一梦想在中国已变成了现实。

2月12日,中国民用航空局在 京向中国石油化工股份有限公司颁 发 1 号生物航煤技术标准规定项目 批准书(CTSOA),中国首张生物航 煤生产许可证落入中石化,这标志着 备受国内外关注的国产中国石化 1号生物航煤正式获得适航批准。中 石化用菜籽油、棉籽油、餐饮废油等 为原料生产的生物航煤产品已完全 具备产业化条件,中石化成为国内首 家拥有生物航煤自主研发生产技术 的企业。

业内人士认为此举在中国民航 史上具有里程碑意义,中国也因此成 为继美国、法国、芬兰之后第四个拥 有生物航煤自主研发生产技术的国 家。值得关注的是,美国埃克森美孚、 法国道达尔、芬兰耐斯特石油等企业 已经在中国提交相关专利申请,相关 技术的专利储备战已经悄然展开。

生物航煤"走下神坛"

"中国石化1号生物航煤获得适 航许可,这是中国生物航煤事业的新 发展、新突破,是所有中国人的骄傲 和自豪。"中石化高级副总裁戴厚良

截至目前,在德温特世界专利索 引(WPI)数据库中,中石化提交的直 接涉及生物燃料生产的国内外专利 申请共有39件,其中2件在美国提 交申请并获得授权,中国专利授权量 已达 17 件。

据了解,生物航煤是以可再生资

源为原料生产的航空煤油,原料主要 包括棕榈油、餐饮废油、动物脂肪等。 欧美主要国家从 2008 年起陆续开展 了生物航煤的研发和试验飞行。 2009年1月7日,美国大陆航空公 司完成世界上首次商业飞机生物航 煤试飞。同年,中石化启动生物航煤 的研发工作,成功开发出拥有自主知 识产权的生物航煤生产技术,并在 2012年10月成功将餐饮废油转化 为生物航煤产品。

产业应用大有可为

这既是一场生物航油前沿技术 研发、应用的国际赛跑,也是全球应 对碳排放、缓解石油依赖的破题之 笔——生物航煤的产业化应用被业 内寄予厚望。"与传统石油基航空煤 油相比,生物航煤在全生命周期中具 有很好的降低二氧化碳和颗粒污染 物排放的作用。"中石化有关负责人

"发展绿色可替代清洁能源,推 动国家自主知识产权生物航煤的研 发和应用,是中国切实打造绿色低碳 航空的一次重要创新。"中国民航局 有关负责人在接受采访时也强调,中 国对生物航煤产品进行适航审定并 颁发许可证书,对促进中国航空生物 燃料在民航业的应用具有重要意义。

据有关方面预测, 未来全球航 空煤油需求每年增长不足5%,而中 国则以每年10%以上的速度增长,这 势必将影响未来航空煤油的稳定供

"生物航煤生产技术方兴未艾, 专利储备战却已悄然展开。"业内专 家告诉记者,截至目前,美国申请人 在中国提交的直接涉及生物燃料的 专利申请约为 200 件,在申请人名单 中,我们能看到埃克森美孚、雪佛龙 等石油行业巨头的身影;法国申请人 的这一数据约为20件,主要申请人 包括法国石油研究院和道达尔(TO-TAL);芬兰申请人约为 10 件,申请 人包括耐斯特石油等。

"我们将以1号生物航煤适航审 定为新起点,积极拓展生物航煤的原 料范围,开展与国内外航空公司的生 物航煤商业合作飞行,共同迎接生物 航煤市场化、产业化的到来。"戴厚良

"雷朋" failed in the trademark controversy "雷朋"异议同音商标未果

s a well-known brand in automobile heat insulation film industry, "雷朋" entered Chinese market in 1996. Recently, Beijing No.1 Intermediate People's Court ruled at first-instance that "雷彭" could be registered as a trademark except in the field of automobile heat insulation paper. The trademark war, which has lasted for many years, ended in "雷朋"'s failure.

The trademark in question, he No.4622178 trademark "雷彭", was applied for registration in April, 2005 by a natural person named Wang Cuiwei from Panyu city, Guangdong province, certified to be used on Class 17, insulating materials, etc. During the publication, Xintai Trading Company filed an objection to the application, claiming that "雷彭" constituted trademark similarity with its own trademark "雷朋".

The reference trademark, also known as the No.1104030 "雷朋"

trademark, was applied for registration in August, 1996, and approved in 1997. The former applicant of the trademark was Xintai Company. In 2009, the trademark was transferred to Xiamen Zhangtai Heat-Insulating Film Company Limited (Zhangtai Company). After trademark renewal, the trademark could be used to September, 2017, certified to be used on Class 17, automobile heat insulation paper,

According to the Trademark Office under the State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC), though the two trademarks constituted similarity due to the use on some similar goods, the trademark "雷彭" could be registered on parts of goods which was not similar with "雷朋" due to Xintai Company's insufficient evidence.

Dissatisfied Zhangtai Company then made an appeal to the Trademark Appeal Board (TRAB) under SAIC, which confirmed "雷朋"'s

popularity in automobile heat insulation paper before the application of "雷彭". However, TRAB ruled "雷彭" could be registered on insulating materials, sealing ring, etc., considering that the goods on which "雷彭" was certified to be used was different from that of "雷 朋" in function, use and target

Disgruntled Zhangtai Company then appealed to the Beijing No.1 Intermediate People's Court. The court held that the goods on which the two trademarks were used did not constitute similarity though they were similar in pronunciation. Hence, the court upheld TRAB's

(by Yang Liu) 本报讯 作为汽车隔热膜行业 的知名品牌,"雷朋"于1996年进入 中国市场。然而,北京市第一中级人 民法院日前作出一审判决,核准被异 议商标"雷彭"在汽车隔热纸之外商 品上予以注册。商标近似之争持续多 年,"雷朋"在第17类主营商品上还 是偏失一隅。

被异议商标为第 4622178 号"雷 彭"商标,由广东省番禹市自然人王 翠微于 2005 年 4 月提出注册申请, 指定使用在第 17 类绝缘材料等商品 上。法定期限内,新泰贸易有限公司 (下称新泰公司)提出异议申请,其认 为被异议商标与其在先申请注册的 引证商标"雷朋"构成类似商品上的 近似商标。

引证商标为第 1104030 号"雷 朋"文字商标,于1996年8月申请 注册,1997获得注册商标专用权。 原申请注册人为新泰公司,2009年 该商标转让至厦门彰泰隔热膜有 限公司(下称彰泰公司)名下。经续 展专用权期限延至 2017 年 9 月, 核准使用在第 17 类汽车隔热纸等 商品上。

中国国家工商行政管理总局商 标局认为,虽然被异议商标与引证商 标于部分类似商品上构成近似,但新 泰公司称被异议商标系复制、摹仿其 引证商标的证据不足,据此裁定被异 议商标在部分商品上的注册申请予

以核准 随后,彰泰公司提起异议复审申

请,在异议复审裁定中,中国国家工 商行政管理总局商标评审委员会(下 称商评委)认可引证商标在被异议商 标申请注册日前已在汽车隔热纸等 商品上具有一定知名度,但鉴于被异 议商标指定使用的商品与引证商标 核定使用的隔热纸等商品在功能、用 途、消费对象等方面区别明显,不属 于类似商品,商评委裁定被异议商标 在绝缘材料、密封环等商品上予以核 准注册。

彰泰公司不服,向北京市第一中 级人民法院提起了行政诉讼。

法院一审认可被异议商标"雷 彭"与引证商标"雷朋"在读音上相 同,构成近似商标,但认为两者所指 定使用的商品并不构成类似商品, 据此维持了商评委的异议复审裁

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