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Subject: **Continuation of Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Programs
Between the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP HL)
& the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**

On January 29, 2013, the IPOP HL has commenced the PPH 2.0 Pilot Programs (PPH & PCT-PPH) with USPTO. The IPOP HL indicated that both pilot programs would terminate on January 28, 2014, but may be extended thereafter. The PPH is a framework in which an application whose claims have been determined to be patentable in the Office of First Filing (OFF) is eligible to go through an accelerated examination in the Office of Second Filing (OSF) with a simple procedure upon filing of a request.


In order to further assess the feasibility of both the PPH and PCT-PPH Pilot Programs, the USPTO and the IPOP HL have agreed to extend the pilots **indefinitely**, under the same guidelines.

Inquiries and specific questions about this notice and PPH should be directed to Ms. Cristina P. De Guzman of the Bureau of Patents at telephone number (+63-2) 238-6300 loc. 407 or via email to cristina.deguzman@ipophil.gov.ph.

This Order shall take effect on January 29, 2014.

For guidance.


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