



*The Secretary General*

Ms. Signe Ratso  
European Commission  
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Letter of support for your ongoing investigations on the granting of compulsory licences for CDRs by Taiwan

Dear Ms. Ratso,

Orgalime, the European Engineering Industries Association, speaks for 35 trade federations representing some 130,000 companies in the mechanical, electrical, electronic and metalworking industries of 23 European countries. The industry employs some 10.6 million people in the EU and in 2006 accounted for some €1,779 billion of annual output.

Since patents are one of the backbones of the engineering industries and essential to the continued competitiveness of our companies marketing their innovative products on global markets, we are sensitive to all practices by third countries which could violate IPR and believe that all infringements of the WTO TRIPS agreement should be properly redressed. We therefore would like to support your ongoing investigations on the above mentioned case and we explain in the attached paper our concerns and position.

We thank the Commission in advance for taking due account of our concerns.

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