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The future is often decided in the details.

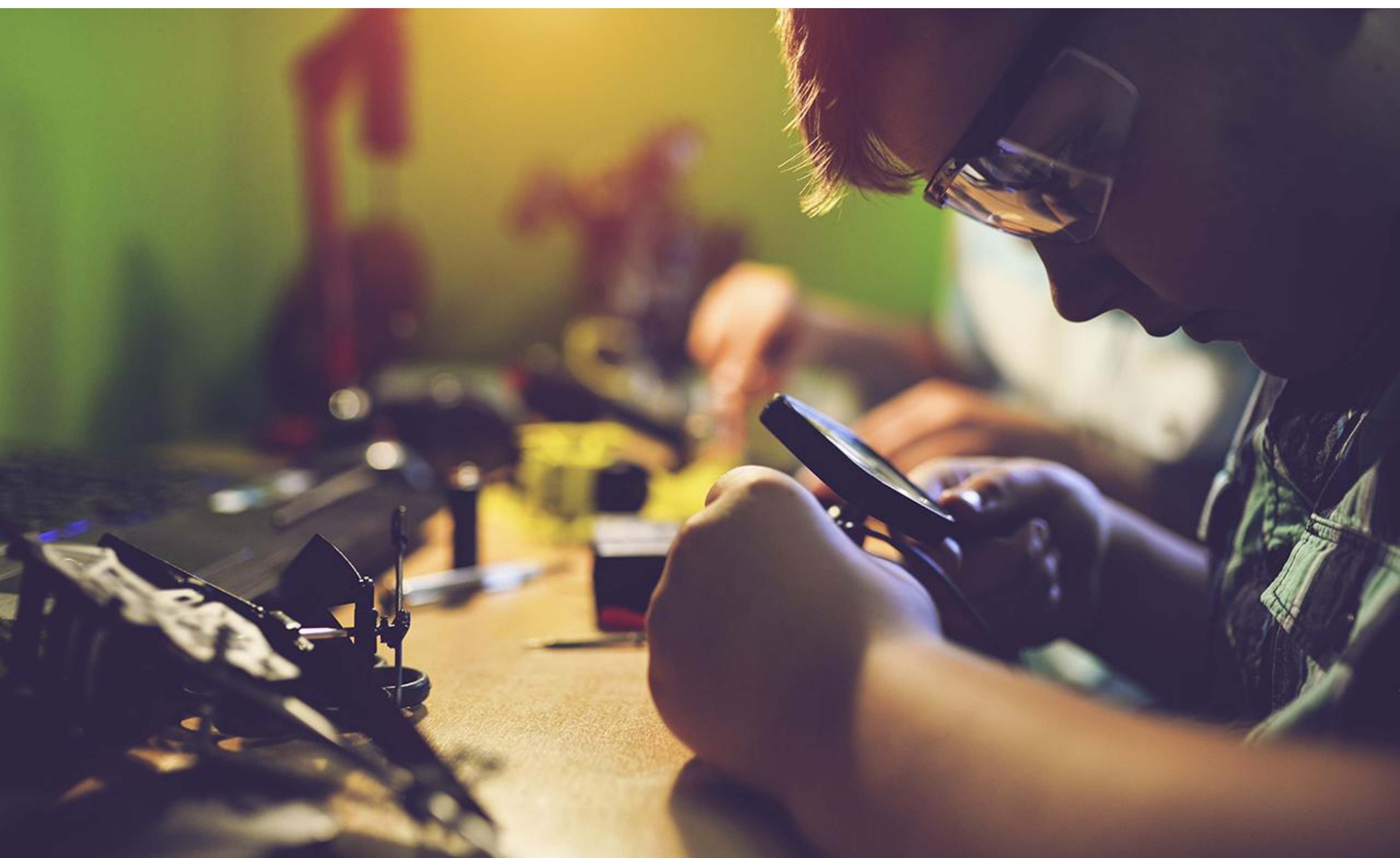
A cleaner dataset. A faster patent examination. A more defensible royalty calculation. A regulatory framework that accepts new kinds of evidence. These developments may not always make the loudest headlines, but they increasingly determine which technologies move forward and which do not.

This edition of IPRD Spark looks at that shift in action. WIPO is making SEP searches more reliable through verified patent pool data. Courts are demanding stronger evidence in FRAND disputes, while patent offices speed up digital processes and new technologies push innovation toward practical, scalable use.

What connects these stories is not simply speed. It is the growing importance of trust, validation, and readiness. New ideas now need stronger data, clearer claims, better systems, and more credible pathways to adoption.

This month, we look beyond the breakthrough itself, to the evidence, infrastructure, and decisions that determine whether it becomes meaningful progress.

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Industry News

Key Industry Developments and Updates



WIPO Makes SEP Searches Easier with Verified Patent Pool Data

By: Christy George

June 26: WIPO's PATENTSCOPE has added Via Licensing Alliance data, making SEP searches more reliable. Via is the second patent pool administrator to contribute pool-verified SEP data after Sisvel, taking PATENTSCOPE's verified SEP collection to more than 9,000 patent applications across eleven licensing programs.

The new Via data adds about 5,400 applications covering AAC, AVC/H.264 video, and Qi wireless power. This sits alongside PATENTSCOPE's broader declared SEP dataset, which includes more than 206,000 patents or applications and around 700,000 patent-to-standard relationships across 40+ jurisdictions.

The distinction is useful in practice. Users can search declared SEP records separately from pool-verified records in PATENTSCOPE, for example through field searches such as SEP_STD:[* to *] for declared SEP data and SEP_PPA:[* to *] for pool-verified patent pool data.

Pool-verified data does not replace detailed essentiality analysis, but it provides an additional signal that can help patent teams better assess the relevance, reliability, and potential value of SEP-related patents. ([Source](#)).



EPO Study Shows Why FRAND Rates Now Need Stronger Patent Evidence

By: Christy George

June 26: FRAND disputes are moving from broad legal principles to evidence-backed valuation. A new EPO Observatory study reviewed 65 court decisions across seven jurisdictions and found that courts are increasingly focused on how FRAND rates are calculated in practice.

Comparable-licence analysis remains the primary method for determining FRAND rates, with courts assessing whether licensing agreements are truly comparable in technology, portfolio scope, timing, and parties. The top-down approach is used mainly as a cross-check. Both methods rely heavily on patent data, but the study cautions that patent counts alone are insufficient, as declared SEPs may not be essential and pending, expired, or invalid patents require careful consideration. ([Source](#)).

UK IPO'S New Patent Service Shows Digital Filing is Becoming the Default

By: Jitendra Shreemukh

June 26: UK patent filing is rapidly shifting to a single digital platform. Since launching its new patent service in April 2026, the UK IPO has processed over 13,000 transactions, 4,700 patent applications, and welcomed 3,000 new users, with nearly 75% of applications now filed through the new system.

As legacy filing routes are phased out from autumn 2026, patent teams should prepare by updating account access, filing workflows, and internal review processes. The move signals that digital prosecution is becoming the standard, not the exception. ([Source](#)).



Korea Shows How Faster Patents Can Support Advanced Tech Competition

By: Anuj Raj

June 26: Korea is treating faster patent examination as part of its advanced-technology strategy. The Ministry of Intellectual Property reported that its super-accelerated examination track has reduced the patent examination waiting period for startups in advanced technology sectors from 14.7 months to 0.9 months.

The track was launched for export companies in advanced technology sectors and later expanded to AI and biotechnology startups. MOIP also cited examples of a secondary battery company securing a patent in 19 days and an AI startup obtaining one in 17 days.

The message is clear: patent offices are no longer only administrative bodies.

For fast-moving sectors such as semiconductors, batteries, AI, and biotech, examination speed can directly affect funding, market entry, and competitive positioning. ([Source](#)).



Legal Watch

Key Legal Developments in the IP Landscape



Samsung Owes \$3 Million After Trial Over Roaming Tech Patent

By: Divya Arora

June 26: A jury in the Eastern District of Texas has found that Samsung Electronics infringed one of three patents asserted by Vasu Holdings, awarding damages of \$3 million. The case centered on U.S. Patent No. 10,368,281, which covers technology for automatic switching between cellular and Wi-Fi networks.

Samsung's validity challenges at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) were discretionarily denied under the Fintiv/time-to-trial framework nearly a year ago, leaving the patent intact for trial. Vasu benefited from USPTO reforms to PTAB procedures that limited review opportunities, and the company also secured litigation funding from hedge fund Davidson Kempner, which has backed other IP assertion entities such as Audio Pod IP and Piranha Media.

The case underscores the growing impact of PTAB discretion, litigation finance, and USPTO policy reforms on patent enforcement strategies, while signaling potential broader implications for licensing negotiations and damages disputes in the technology sector. ([Source](#))



Google Loses Out in Trademark-Keyword Advertising Dispute Against Indian Firm

By: Divya Arora

June 26: The Delhi High Court ruled against Google in a trademark-keyword advertising dispute, ordering it to pay ₹3 million after competitors were allowed to bid on Hindware as a Google Ads keyword. The court held that using a registered trademark as a keyword constitutes trademark "use" under Indian law, even if it is invisible to users.

It also rejected Google's intermediary safe harbour defense, finding that its active role in suggesting, ranking, and monetizing keywords went beyond that of a passive platform. The ruling strengthens trademark protection in keyword advertising and narrows intermediary liability defenses.

([Source](#))

Interdigital Awarded Injunction Against Disney by Unified Patent Court

By: Rahul Bhattacharya

June 26: The Unified Patent Court (UPC) granted InterDigital a pan-European injunction against Disney for infringing its HEVC (High Efficiency Video Coding) patent, with the ruling applying across 11 EU countries.

The decision strengthens InterDigital's ongoing SEP enforcement strategy, following similar victories in Germany and Brazil. Beyond the injunction, the ruling reinforces the UPC's growing influence in cross-border SEP disputes and strengthens InterDigital's position in negotiating a long-term licensing agreement with Disney.

([Source](#))



Patent

Philip Morris Wins U.S. Patent Dispute Against BAT Over Nicotine Pouches

By: Rahul Bhattacharya

June 26: A U.S. federal judge ruled in favor of Philip Morris International subsidiary Swedish Match North America in a patent dispute brought by British American Tobacco (BAT) involving nicotine-pouch technology.

The summary notes that BAT alleged infringement of patents covering the formulation and manufacture of tobacco-free nicotine pouches. The court not only found insufficient evidence of infringement but also concluded that the asserted patent claims were invalid.

The ruling represents a major victory for Philip Morris in the rapidly growing nicotine-pouch market and underscores the increasing importance of patent litigation as tobacco companies compete in next-generation smoke-free products. ([Source](#))



Techno Spotlight

Breakthroughs Shaping the Future of Technology



Why Gold Never Tarnishes- New Study Uncovers

By: Rachna Gupta

June 26: Gold may stay shiny because some of its surface atoms reorganize into structures that block oxygen reactions. Gold has been valued for millennia because it keeps its shine, but new research from Tulane University using computer simulations suggests that this durability is not explained by chemistry alone.

In a study published in Physical Review Letters, **Scientists have uncovered a finding that its atoms can reorganize into protective surface patterns that block reactions with oxygen.** That finding helps explain why gold jewelry and other gold objects can stay bright for centuries. It may also help scientists design better gold-based catalysts for industrial chemistry and energy-related uses. ([Source](#))

Scientists Turn Ordinary Sunlight into UV Light in Major Energy Breakthrough

By: Rachna Gupta

June 26: Sunlight just got an upgrade: **Scientists have developed a material that converts ordinary sunshine into UV light, opening new possibilities for solar-powered technologies.** A new solid-state material from Kyushu University turns visible light into high-energy UV at sunlight intensity.

By attaching alkyl chains to the sp^3 carbon atoms of an organic molecule, the researchers create precisely controlled gaps between neighboring molecules. This spacing enables efficient triplet energy transfer, achieving a quantum yield above 60% in the solid state. When combined with a donor molecule, the system reaches 1.9% visible-to-UV up conversion efficiency. ([Source](#))



Turning Seawater into Drinking Water Without Toxic Brine

By: Rachna Gupta

June 26: Researchers at the University of Rochester have developed a solar-powered desalination device using laser-etched superwicking black metal to convert seawater into drinking water without producing harmful brine.

Unlike conventional desalination methods, the system captures salts and minerals instead of releasing concentrated waste, offering a more energy-efficient and environmentally sustainable approach to freshwater production. ([Source](#))

Scientists Discover Hidden Rule That Could Make Fuel Cells Cheaper and More Powerful

By: Rachna Gupta

June 26: For decades, scientists have relied on a simple rule of thumb to design better catalysts: there is one “sweet spot” where performance peaks. But researchers at Tohoku University have uncovered a new catalyst design principle that explains why dual-atom catalysts often outperform their single-atom counterparts.

By revealing a previously unknown pattern called “dual-Sabatier optima,” the study challenges a long-standing framework in catalyst science and could accelerate the search for cheaper, more efficient materials for clean energy technologies. ([Source](#))

Key M&A/Strategic Alliances

June 26:

- Olin and Huntsman merge, creating \$12 billion chemical giant. ([Source](#))
- UPM and ANDRITZ partners to advance tailored tissue innovation. ([Source](#))
- Nippon Paint Group and Sherwin-Williams End Pursuit of AkzoNobel. ([Source](#))
- Kemira and IFF joint venture relocates planned biobased materials manufacturing site to Hanko, Finland. ([Source](#))



Cuffless Blood Pressure Monitoring Moves Closer to Clinical Use

By: Deepak Kumar

June 26: A new systematic review introduces a standardized framework to improve the reliability and clinical adoption of cuffless blood pressure monitoring. As wearable devices gain traction, inconsistent sensing methods, AI models, and calibration approaches have limited their clinical use. The study proposes a unified taxonomy and reporting framework while highlighting challenges such as calibration drift, limited population diversity, and inadequate validation.

The findings suggest that future innovation will depend less on new sensors and more on robust validation, trustworthy AI, and clinically defensible evidence to support widespread adoption. ([Source](#))

A New Wearable Ultrasound Platform for Continuous Fetal Monitoring

By: Aparajita Basu

June 26: Researchers have developed UPatch, a wearable ultrasound platform designed to continuously monitor fetal position and blood flow, moving beyond the brief snapshots provided by conventional prenatal scans.

The proof-of-concept system enables real-time imaging of the fetus and umbilical cord while remaining attached to the body.

By extending continuous monitoring to ultrasound, UPatch could help detect signs of fetal distress earlier, support remote pregnancy monitoring, and reduce the need for frequent in-person imaging visits. ([Source](#))



Mayo Clinic and Microsoft Team Up on a Frontier Healthcare AI Model

By: Ashmita Bera

June 26: Mayo Clinic and Microsoft have partnered to develop a healthcare-specific foundation AI model, combining Mayo's clinical expertise and patient data with Microsoft's AI and cloud capabilities. Unlike general-purpose AI, the model is purpose-built to support clinical reasoning, earlier diagnosis, and personalized treatment.

Initially deployed within Mayo Clinic before expanding through Microsoft Azure, the initiative signals a shift toward domain-specific AI models trained on real-world clinical knowledge rather than adapting general-purpose systems for healthcare. ([Source](#))

Roche Expands into Targeted Protein Degradation

By: Aparajita Basu

June 26: Roche has partnered with Nurix Therapeutics to advance bexobrutideg (NX-5948), a BTK protein degrader being developed for hematology, immunology, and neurology indications, with Phase 3 trials in chronic lymphocytic leukemia expected in 2026.

Unlike traditional BTK inhibitors, protein degraders eliminate disease-causing proteins, potentially overcoming resistance and improving long-term outcomes. The collaboration underscores the growing momentum behind targeted protein degradation as a next-generation drug discovery platform attracting major pharmaceutical investment. ([Source](#))



Huawei Cloud Launches Agentic AI Infrastructure and Enterprise Agent Platform

By: Chandandeep Kaur

June 26: Huawei Cloud unveiled its Agentic AI portfolio at INSPIRE 2026, introducing Agentic Infra—a unified platform for enterprise AI workloads, model training, secure agent deployment, and AI development. The company also expanded its Industry AI Foundry with solutions for healthcare, manufacturing, scientific computing, and embodied AI.

The launch highlights a broader shift toward end-to-end AI infrastructure, where innovation extends beyond AI models to the platforms and cloud ecosystems that enable secure, scalable deployment.
([Source](#))

HP Launches AI-Powered Collaboration Ecosystem for Hybrid Work

By: Chandandeep Kaur

June 26: HP introduced a new AI-powered collaboration ecosystem, bringing together meeting-room compute, video collaboration software, headsets, keyboards, and centralized IT management through the HP Workforce Experience Platform (WXP).

Key updates include integration of HP Poly Lens and WXP Collaboration into HP WXP, the launch of HP Poly Studio Room Compute for Microsoft Teams Rooms and Zoom Rooms, Poly VideoOS 5.1 with AI-enabled multi-camera meeting experiences, and the HP Poly Focus 6 Series Bluetooth headsets with enhanced noise reduction and spatial audio. This reflects a broader shift from individual collaboration devices to unified, AI-managed workplace ecosystems.
([Source](#))



Qualcomm to Acquire Modular to Strengthen Edge-To-Cloud AI Software Stack

By: Chandandeep Kaur

June 26: Qualcomm has agreed to acquire Modular, an AI-native software company, to strengthen its generative and agentic AI capabilities across edge devices, data centers, and cloud platforms. Modular's software enables AI models to run efficiently across CPUs, GPUs, NPUs, and custom chips without hardware-specific rewrites.

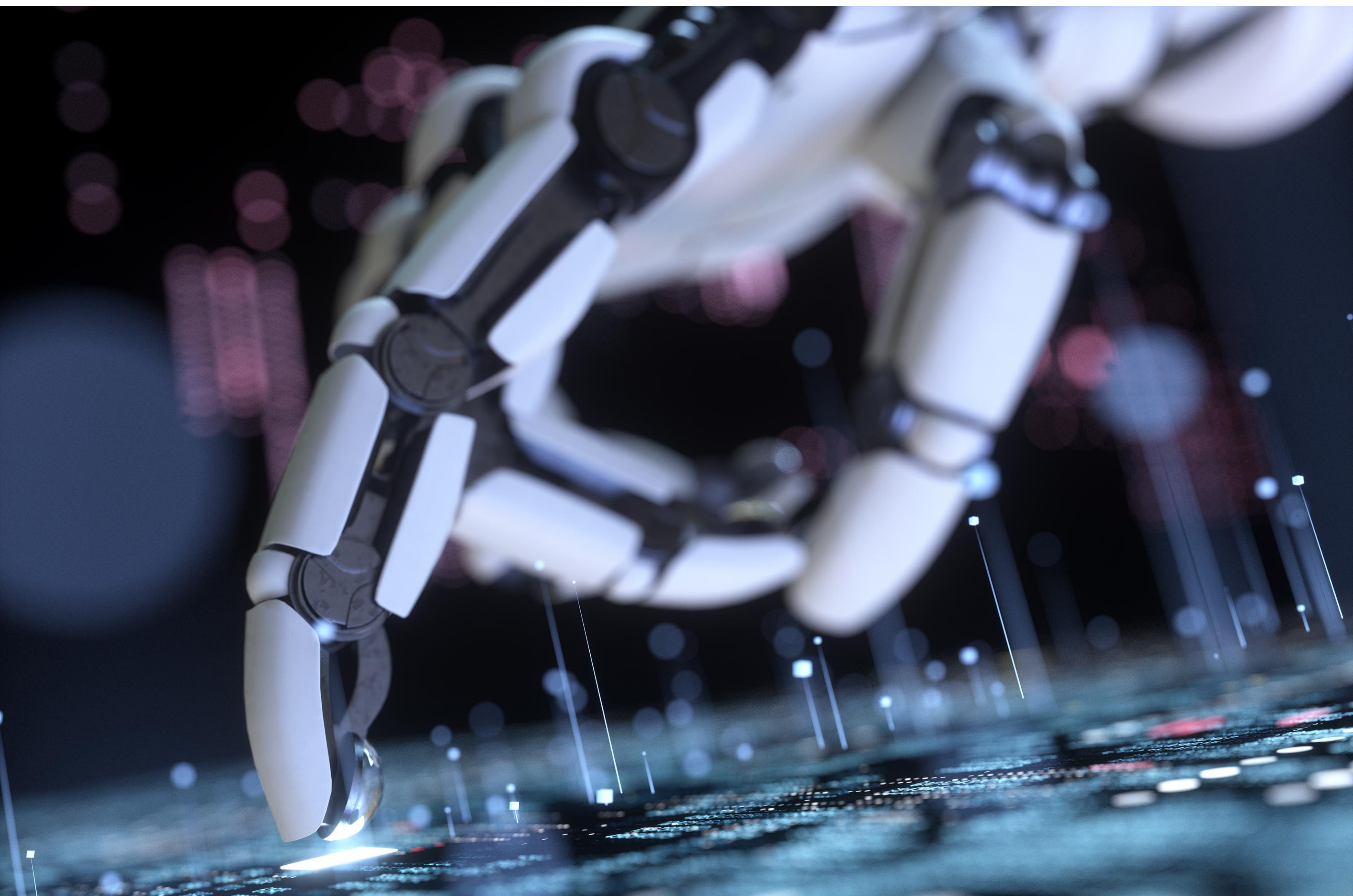
The acquisition highlights the growing importance of software platforms in AI infrastructure, enabling scalable, silicon-agnostic deployment across diverse computing environments. ([Source](#))

IBM Unveils Sub-1 Nanometer Chip Technology With 3D Nano Stack Architecture

By: Chandandeep Kaur

June 26: IBM announced sub-1 nanometer chip technology, built on a new 0.7 nm / 7 angstrom node using a three-dimensional “nanostack” transistor architecture. The technology stacks and staggers nanosheet-based transistors vertically, enabling nearly 100 billion transistors on a fingernail-sized chip and offering projected gains of up to 50% higher performance or 70% better energy efficiency compared with IBM’s 2 nm node.

This highlights a major shift from conventional transistor scaling toward 3D transistor integration and angstrom-level chip architecture. ([Source](#))



L'Oréal and OpenAI Join Forces for Transformation in Beauty with AI

By: Simmi Kapoor

June 26: L'Oréal has partnered with OpenAI to integrate Maybelline's ModiFace Virtual Try-On into ChatGPT, enabling consumers to discover and virtually try products through natural conversations. Beyond retail, the collaboration will also use OpenAI's life sciences models to advance skin microbiome research and enhance AI-driven content creation.

The partnership signals a broader shift as brands move from using AI for internal efficiency to creating AI-powered consumer experiences and accelerating product innovation. ([Source](#))

Danone Expands APAC Nutrition Business with MADE Acquisition

By: Simmi Kapoor

June 26: Danone has acquired Australia-based MADE Group and the remaining stake in its fresh dairy joint venture with Saputo Dairy Australia, strengthening its position in the Asia-Pacific nutrition market. MADE adds a portfolio of high-growth brands in protein beverages, gut-health yoghurts, and coconut-based products.

The deal reflects a broader industry trend, with food companies using strategic acquisitions to expand faster in health and wellness categories rather than relying solely on organic growth. ([Source](#))



NIZO and Winclove Partner to Advance Probiotic Discovery

By: Akshyansh Kumar

June 26: NIZO Food Research and Winclove Probiotics have partnered to accelerate the discovery of next-generation probiotic solutions by combining NIZO's library of 4,500 food-grade microbial strains with Winclove's formulation expertise.

The collaboration will identify and characterize new probiotic strains with health benefits, strengthening future R&D and commercialization. The partnership reflects a growing trend toward collaborative microbiome innovation, where companies combine proprietary resources and scientific expertise to speed product development. ([Source](#))

Aker BioMarine Promotes Sustainable DHA for Prenatal Health

By: Akshyansh Kumar

June 26: Aker BioMarine is highlighting algae-derived DHA as a sustainable alternative to fish-sourced omega-3 for prenatal nutrition, citing growing evidence of its role in fetal brain and eye development.

With fish oil supplies expected to remain volatile through 2027 due to El Niño, algae-based DHA offers comparable bioavailability while improving supply chain resilience and sustainability. The shift reflects growing demand for prenatal ingredients that combine scientific validation, reliable sourcing, and environmental responsibility. ([Source](#))



WHO Draft Guidance Promotes Greener Pharma Manufacturing

By: Basharat Ahmed Sofi

June 26: The WHO has released draft guidance encouraging pharmaceutical manufacturers to integrate sustainability metrics into GMP practices. The proposal emphasizes reducing waste, emissions, water and energy use while maintaining product quality and patient safety.

It also promotes greener manufacturing approaches such as flow chemistry, continuous manufacturing, solvent recovery, and lower-impact packaging. The guidance signals that environmental performance is becoming an important consideration alongside quality and regulatory compliance, with public comments open until 5 August 2026. ([Source](#)).

EU Advances Non-Animal Safety Testing

By: Afifa Parveen and Ravi Vadavalasa

June 26: The EU is accelerating the adoption of non-animal safety assessment methods. ECHA has identified technologies such as QSARs, in vitro toxicokinetics, omics, and New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) as priorities for regulatory use, while the European Commission has unveiled a roadmap to phase out animal testing across multiple sectors.

The move signals a major shift in regulatory science, creating new opportunities for companies developing AI-driven testing platforms, alternative methods, and validation-ready safety data. ([Source 1](#); [Source 2](#)).



ECHA Sets New Priorities for Chemical Safety

By: Ravi Vadavalasa

June 26: ECHA has outlined new research priorities that could shape the future of chemical regulation, focusing on ecosystem impacts, persistent water contaminants, biocide resistance, and circular economy innovation. The update signals a shift beyond traditional hazard assessments toward broader environmental and sustainability outcomes.

As science increasingly drives regulatory policy, companies developing chemicals and advanced materials should align their R&D with these emerging priorities to anticipate future compliance requirements and strengthen long-term product competitiveness. ([Source](#)).

FDA Backs AI-Based Toxicology Tools

By: Aasia Razi

June 26: An AI-powered digital liver model has become the first in silico drug development tool accepted into the FDA CDER's ISTAND program, marking a significant step toward regulatory adoption of AI in toxicology. Designed to predict drug-induced liver injury before clinical trials, the model could strengthen preclinical decision-making and reduce development risks.

The milestone signals growing regulatory acceptance of AI-driven predictive toxicology and highlights the importance of validated models, high-quality datasets, and robust in silico platforms. ([Source](#))



India Proposes Faster Medical Device Licensing

By: Aathithyananth Thangavadivelu

June 26: India has proposed amendments to the Medical Devices Rules, 2017 to accelerate licensing, inspections, and compliance while maintaining regulatory standards. The draft strengthens the role of Notified Bodies by requiring Quality Management System (QMS) audits before license approval, encouraging a more structured review process.

If adopted, the changes will require manufacturers to prioritize submission planning, audit readiness, and quality-system preparedness earlier in product development to support faster market access. ([Source](#)).

FDA Expands Flexible Clinical Trial Approaches

By: Basharat Ahmad Sofi

June 26: Through Operation Trailblazer, the FDA is promoting faster and more flexible clinical development by introducing an expedited IND pilot, updated master protocol guidance, and model-informed approaches for early-stage trials.

The initiative supports innovative trial designs, including basket and platform trials, while encouraging the use of computational models to streamline development. The changes signal a shift toward more efficient, evidence-driven clinical strategies, making trial design and regulatory planning increasingly important competitive differentiators. ([Source 1](#); [Source 2](#); [Source 3](#))



FDA Approvals Reshape Antiviral and Metabolic Drug Strategies

By: Jiju Narayanan and Nisha Kumari

June 26: FDA's recent approvals show how product value is being shaped by both access and label quality. The first generic version of Xofluza, a single-dose influenza treatment and post-exposure preventive therapy for patients aged 5 and older, expands antiviral access ahead of the 2026–2027 flu season and adds pricing pressure to branded flu therapies.

At the same time, Tryngolza's approval for adults with severe hypertriglyceridemia goes beyond biomarker reduction. Its label includes reduction of acute pancreatitis risk, supported by randomized clinical data showing 49% to 72% triglyceride reductions and fewer pancreatitis events versus placebo.

For pharma companies the development highlights that clinical endpoint strategy is now central to asset value. Innovators should protect dose, patient selection, convenience features, and label-expansion pathways, while generic players should watch antiviral portfolios entering competitive territory. ([Source 1](#); [Source 2](#))



Toyota's Fake Manual for EVs Might Be Too Real

By: Nitesh Kumar

June 26: Toyota has filed a new patent that will turn an electric vehicle into a tool for assessing a driver's skills. The patent is for a system that simulates an engine stall in a manual-equipped, combustion-powered car in an electric vehicle. The "control system" works in conjunction with a simulated manual gearbox that features a clutch pedal and a shifting device.

If the driver operates the vehicle in an "unfavorable" way, such as selecting the wrong gear at the incorrect engine speed, the car stops the motor and applies the brakes, simulating a stall. This also recreates the harsh, jerky motion drivers experience in a conventional vehicle. ([Source](#))

Ford Brings Back Veteran Engineers After AI Falls Short

By: Nitesh Kumar

June 26: Ford is strengthening its quality strategy by adding more than 350 experienced engineers, emphasizing that AI works best when paired with human expertise. While the company continues to use AI to detect potential quality issues, it says experienced engineers remain essential for interpreting results and preventing defects from reaching customers.

The move highlights a growing industry view that AI is a powerful enabler—not a replacement—for domain expertise in complex engineering and manufacturing. ([Source](#))



BMW Confirms: The Next M3 'Won't Be Hybrid

By: Sachin Patel

June 26: BMW has confirmed that the next-generation M3 will be available in combustion and all-electric versions—but not as a plug-in hybrid. The combustion model will feature an updated S58 inline-six engine with a 48-volt mild-hybrid system, staying true to BMW M's performance-focused philosophy.

The decision reflects BMW's strategy of offering distinct ICE and EV options rather than positioning hybrids as a long-term solution for its flagship performance models.. ([Source](#))

Dongfeng's New 2.0-Liter Hybrid Engine Reaches 45.5% Thermal Efficiency

By: Sachin Patel

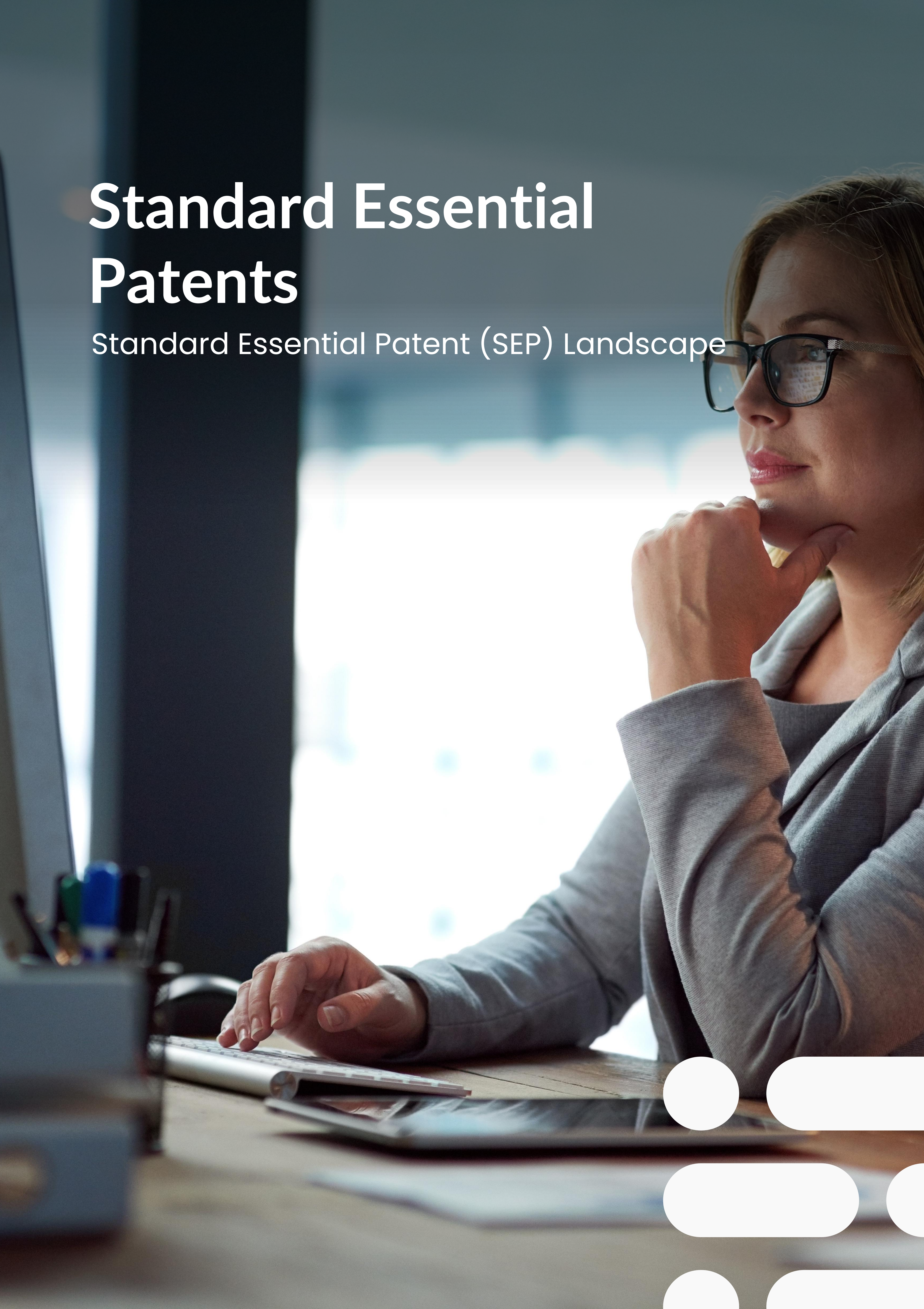
June 26: Dongfeng's new Mach Power 2.0T hybrid engine has achieved a 45.5% peak thermal efficiency, certified by CATARC Huacheng. Designed for hybrid SUVs and larger vehicles, the turbocharged 2.0-liter engine features the company's new MAKC combustion technology, which improves combustion control and reduces engine knock.

The milestone highlights China's continued investment in advanced hybrid powertrains, balancing performance, fuel efficiency, and emissions in next-generation vehicles. ([Source](#))



Standard Essential Patents

Standard Essential Patent (SEP) Landscape



Interdigital Expands SEP Reach with Amazon Licensing Deal

By: Jitendra Shreemukh

June 26: InterDigital signed a patent license agreement with Amazon covering its devices and services, including Prime Video, while resolving all pending litigation between the companies. The remaining commercial terms will be determined through binding arbitration, allowing both parties to avoid prolonged multi-jurisdictional disputes.

The agreement marks InterDigital's strategic expansion beyond traditional wireless SEP licensing into video streaming services, an area expected to become increasingly important as streaming platforms adopt advanced video codec technologies.
([Source](#))

ASUS And Nokia End Video Codec Litigation

By: Jitendra Shreemukh

June 26: ASUS and Nokia concluded a patent license agreement, ending litigation over video coding technology and allowing ASUS to resume laptop sales in Germany.

The agreement followed Nokia's similar arrangement with Acer and ended Nokia's litigation against Acer, Hisense, and ASUS.

Video codec disputes are moving from injunction pressure toward negotiated licensing closure. Nokia's strategy shows how enforcement actions can push implementers toward license agreements.
([Source](#)).



Microsoft Takes Sisvel Wi-Fi Multimode Patent Pool License

By: Jitendra Shreemukh

June 26: Microsoft signed a license under Sisvel's Wi-Fi Multimode patent pool, becoming one of the largest technology companies to join the program covering Wi-Fi 6 and Wi-Fi 7 standard-essential patents (SEPs).

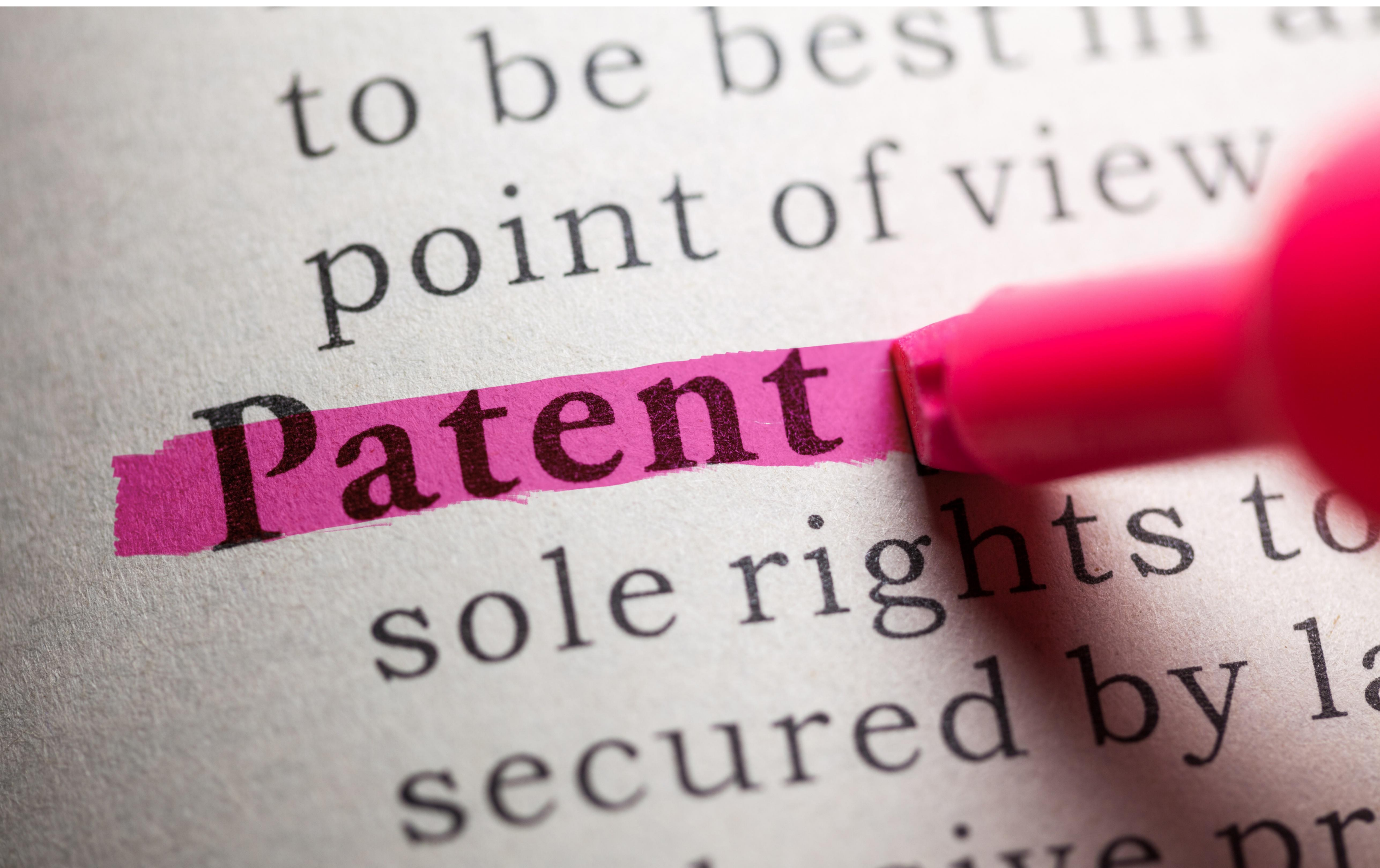
Microsoft's participation validates the commercial momentum of the Wi-Fi Multimode pool and signals increasing preference for collective SEP licensing over prolonged bilateral negotiations or litigation. ([Source](#)).

Sisvel POS Pool Reaches 30 Licensors

By: Jitendra Shreemukh

June 26: Sisvel's cellular POS patent pool reached 30 licensors, with Unisoc, Harfang IP, China Unicom, IP Innovation, PanOptis, and Unwired Planet among the latest contributors. The pool covers 2G–5G SEPs for payment terminals and was launched with Huawei, LG Electronics, and Nokia as founding licensors.

This is important because SEP licensing is expanding beyond smartphones and vehicles into payment infrastructure. Payment device makers should now treat cellular SEP licensing as part of product compliance and commercialization planning. ([Source](#)).



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