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Every breakthrough begins quietly.

Not with headlines or market disruption, but with a small signal, a new research paper, a regulatory shift, an unexpected court ruling, or a technology that suddenly makes the impossible seem practical.

Most of these signals pass unnoticed.

Yet every industry-changing innovation starts this way. A subtle change in direction. A question that challenges convention. An idea that moves from theory to trial, and eventually from trial to transformation.

This month, we trace some of those signals.

Across these pages, you'll find patent offices experimenting with AI-powered examination, researchers creating materials designed to disappear when their job is done, robotic systems venturing into new frontiers of medicine, and policymakers rethinking how innovation should be regulated and accelerated.

As industries become more connected, the challenge is no longer just creating breakthroughs, it is enabling them to scale. As you turn these pages, consider: which of today's signals will become tomorrow's standards?

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Industry News

Key Industry Developments and Updates



AI is Becoming an Examination Issue, Not Just a Patentability Issue

By: Christy George

May 26: AI is no longer only a subject matter question for patent offices. It is starting to enter the examination process itself. For applicants, that means the next practical issue may be how examiners use AI to classify technology, search prior art and assess applications.

In May, the IP5 offices approved work on exchanging statistical data for frontier technology patents under their emerging technologies and AI roadmap. Around the same time, JPO and Singapore's IPOS agreed to hold regular technical exchanges on AI use in substantive examination and launch a bilateral examiner exchange program.

No filing rule changes yet. But patent teams should not treat this as background cooperation. If offices begin aligning examiner training, search methods or technology classifications, prosecution strategy in AI related fields may become less jurisdiction specific than it is today.

Watch for shared classifications, examiner guidance, search practices and disclosure expectations. ([Source 1](#), [Source 2](#)).



EPO's AI Drafting Assistant Signals a New Phase in Patent Examination

By: Dinesh Sharma

May 26: The EPO is developing an in-house AI drafting assistant to help examiners prepare actions, alongside AI tools for pre-search activities, oral-proceedings minutes, and stakeholder queries. This marks a shift from AI being used mainly for administrative tasks to supporting substantive examination processes.

While the EPO maintains that examiners retain full responsibility for decisions, applicants may see more consistent examination practices. Patent teams should monitor how the EPO implements human oversight, confidentiality safeguards, and quality controls to ensure AI-assisted outputs remain examiner-led, fact-specific, and well-supported. ([Source](#)).

IP Australia Gives Applicants a Clearer Window to Cut Excess Claims

By: Jitendra Shreemukh

May 26: From 1 July 2026, IP Australia will replace its approximate 6-month excess claims reminder with a defined 3-month reminder after an examination request is filed.

The change provides applicants with a clearer opportunity to review claim counts, file voluntary amendments, and decide whether broader claim sets justify the associated costs. While certain expedited and divisional applications are excluded, the update is expected to improve prosecution planning and should be incorporated into patent teams' docketing and claim review workflows. ([Source](#)).



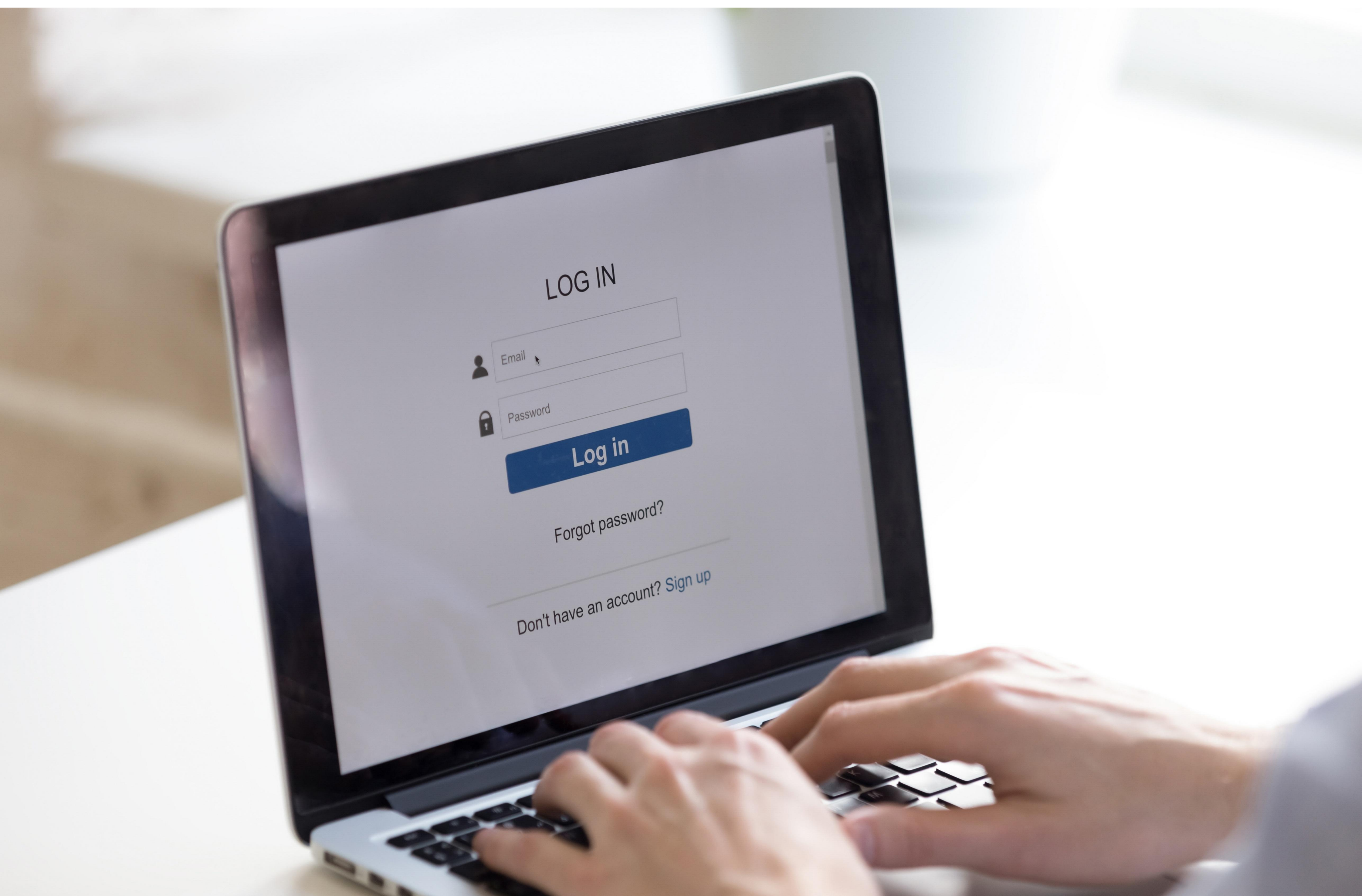
USPTO Adds a Login Gate to Open Data

By: Anuj Raj

May 26: Patent data teams should not treat the USPTO's Open Data Portal registration requirement as a small login change. From June 18, 2026, users will need a USPTO.gov account to access the portal, which hosts public patent and trademark datasets.

The USPTO says the move is aimed at improving security, reducing costly bot traffic and keeping the portal reliable. That is reasonable. But for patent analytics teams, search vendors and R&D groups that rely on automated or frequent data access, the practical issue is continuity. Any workflow built around USPTO datasets should be checked before the deadline.

This is also a reminder that public patent data is becoming more managed, even when it remains publicly available. Teams using ODP data should confirm account access, review ingestion pipelines and watch the USPTO's planned request for more profile information later this summer. ([Source](#)).



Legal Watch

Key Legal Developments in the IP Landscape



Philips DVD Standard Essential Patent Damages Reversed After 17 Years

By: Divya Arora

May 26: Seventeen years after Koninklijke Philips Electronics NV sued two small DVD player manufacturers in India, the Delhi High Court's Division Bench has overturned every element of the damages decree Philips had secured at trial. At the heart of the dispute was whether Philips' DVD decoding patent qualified as a standard essential patent (SEP), whether the Bansals' DVD players infringed it, and whether the royalty rates Philips demanded were FRAND compliant.

In its May 2026 judgment, the Division Bench found Philips had failed on all counts.

The court held that the Essentiality Certificates were inadmissible, no claim charts were produced, infringement was not proven by either direct or indirect evidence, patent rights had been exhausted under Section 107A(b) of the Patents Act, and no third-party license agreements were placed on record.

Beyond reversing Philips' damages award, the ruling establishes a rigorous evidentiary roadmap for SEP litigation in India—requiring clear proof of essentiality, infringement, exhaustion, and licensing practices before damages can be awarded. This precedent is expected to reshape how standard essential patent disputes are litigated in the country. ([Source](#))



CNN vs Perplexity: Copyright Clash Over AI Content

By: Divya Arora

May 26: CNN has sued AI startup Perplexity for allegedly reproducing and distributing its articles, videos, and images without authorization to generate AI-driven content.

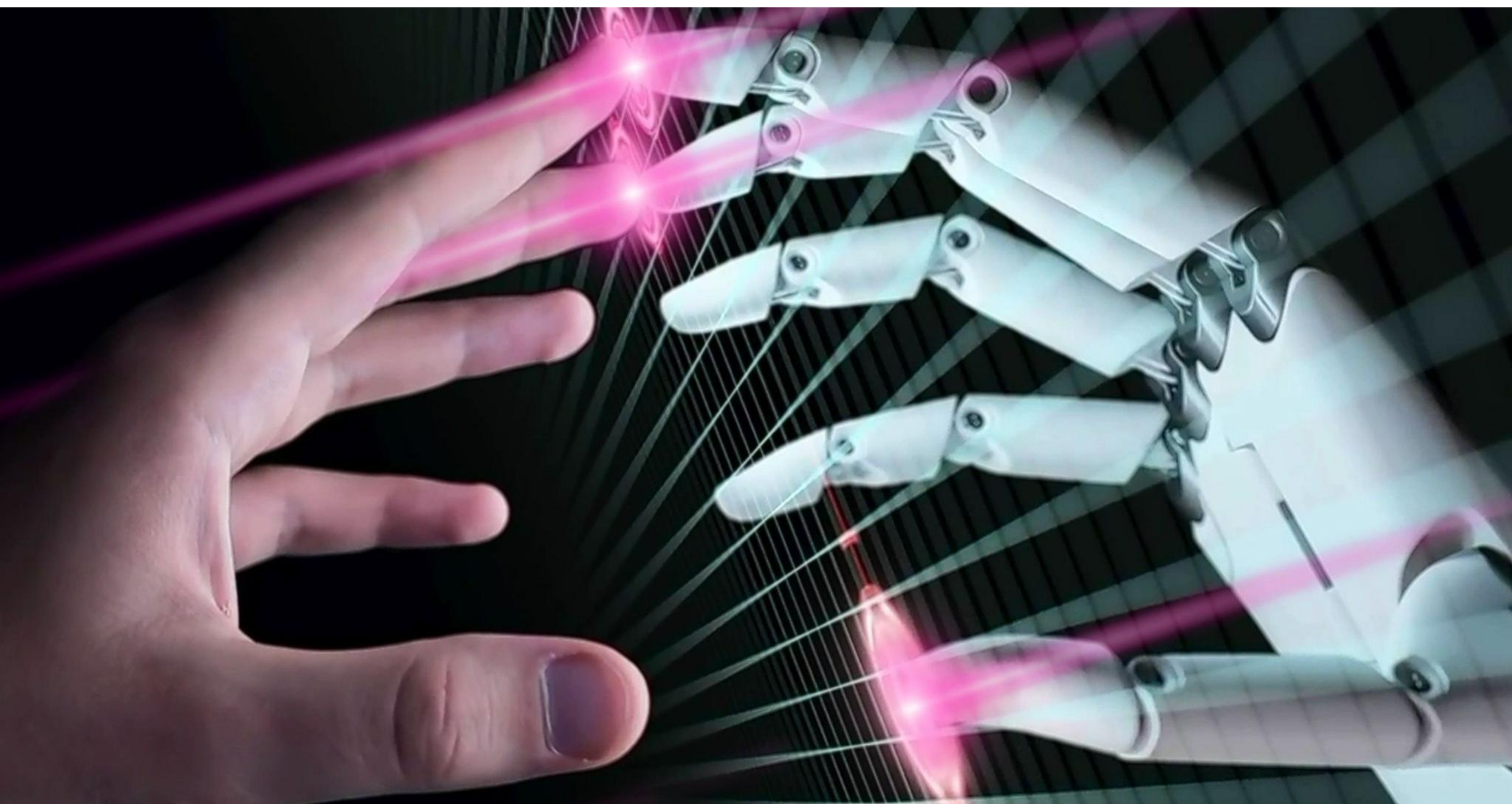
CNN claims the practice bypasses licensing agreements and harms journalism by diverting traffic and advertising revenue, while Perplexity argues its use falls under fair use, **stating that “you can’t copyright facts.”** The lawsuit underscores growing tensions between media companies and AI platforms, raising important questions around copyright, fair use, and the future of digital journalism. ([Source](#))

Caterpillar Files New Patent Infringement Lawsuit Against Doosan Bobcat

By: Rahul Bhattacharya

May 26: U.S.-based heavy equipment manufacturer Caterpillar filed a fresh patent infringement lawsuit against Doosan Bobcat in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, along with a parallel complaint before the International Trade Commission (ITC). **The suit alleges that Bobcat’s construction equipment infringes multiple Caterpillar patents** related to intelligent machine control, hydraulic systems, and powertrain efficiency technologies.

The case highlights the growing importance of patents in heavy machinery innovation and cross-border enforcement through ITC proceedings. ([Source](#))



Surron Wins \$12.9 Million Patent Infringement Judgment Against Talaria

By: Rahul Bhattacharya

May 26: Electric motorcycle manufacturer Surron secured a major legal victory in a patent infringement case against Talaria, with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas awarding approximately **\$12.97 million in damages for willful infringement.**

The court also issued a permanent injunction prohibiting Talaria from manufacturing, importing, or selling infringing products in the United States.

The case underscores strong judicial enforcement of patent rights where willful infringement is established. In addition to damages, **the ruling imposes litigation costs and restricts Talaria's commercial operations in North America, demonstrating the significant risks** associated with IP violations in emerging electric mobility markets. ([Source](#))



Techno Spotlight

Breakthroughs Shaping the Future of
Technology



“Living Plastic” That Self-Destructs in Just Six Days

By: Rachna Gupta

May 26: Scientists have developed “living plastics” that can be programmed to break themselves down when triggered. Researchers have synthesized living plastics, materials built with microbes that can be activated to break down the polymer when needed.

They engineered dormant *B. subtilis* spores with polycaprolactone to produce two polymer degrading enzymes that work in sequence. **One enzyme cuts long polymer chains into smaller pieces at random points**, while the second breaks those smaller pieces down from the ends into their monomer building blocks. ([Source](#))

Efficient New Way to Split Hydrogen from Water for Energy

By: Rachna Gupta

May 26: Producing hydrogen efficiently and affordably has remained a major challenge, largely because today’s most **effective electrolyzers rely on scarce and expensive platinum-group metals**. Researchers have developed a new catalyst that could make hydrogen production cheaper and more practical for renewable energy systems.

The team created a **heterostructure catalyst for an anion-exchange membrane water electrolyzer (AEMWE)**, a system that uses renewable electricity to split water into hydrogen and oxygen. By combining two phosphide materials, they designed a catalyst that produces hydrogen efficiently without relying on costly platinum-based materials. ([Source](#))



Skincare Ingredient That Could Help Fight Deadly Superbugs

By: Rachna Gupta

May 26: Researchers found that **madecassic acid can disrupt key bacterial survival** mechanisms and potentially serve as a future antibiotic. Madecassic acid is best known in Korean skincare as a soothing “hero ingredient,” but scientists now believe it could also help combat antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

The **team isolated madecassic acid from a plant extract collected in Vietnam** and produced three modified variants. All three versions successfully inhibited the cytochrome bd complex and stopped bacterial growth. ([Source](#))

Scientists Revive Ancient Chemistry Trick to Engineer Next-Generation Glass

By: Rachna Gupta

May 26: A centuries-old glassmaking strategy has helped researchers unlock new ways to engineer futuristic MOF glasses with promising applications in gas storage and advanced materials.

The researchers found that **adding small sodium- or lithium-containing compounds changes both the structure and properties of the material**. These additives reduce the temperature at which the glass softens and improve how easily it flows when heated, potentially simplifying manufacturing. ([Source](#))

Key M&A/Strategic Alliances

May 26:

- Kemira and CuspAI first commercial partnerships to apply generative AI to design novel materials that target PFAS removal at trace concentrations. ([Source](#))
- UPM Specialty Materials, Michelman, and BOBST have joined forces to develop two validated paper-based packaging concepts for brands navigating the EU packaging rules, such as the Single-Use Plastics Directive (SUPD).([Source](#))
- UPM acquires Ray Technology® intellectual property from Avantium, broadening its bio-based glycols IP portfolio. ([Source](#))
- Irish-owned CSG expands UK footprint with Resource Chemicals acquisition. ([Source](#))



Robotics Meets Neurodegeneration

By: Shubham Suresh Gurav

May 26: Medical Microinstruments (MMI) has completed the first robotic-assisted microsurgical procedure in an Alzheimer's patient under its REMIND U.S. IDE study, using the Symani system to reconnect lymphatic vessels in the deep cervical lymph node region.

The approach aims to restore drainage pathways and potentially enhance clearance of neurotoxins linked to disease progression.

The combination of robotic precision with lymphatic microsurgery in Alzheimer's creates a novel claim space at the intersection of neurology and reconstructive techniques. ([Source](#))

Spotting Drug Side Effects Online

By: Deepak Kumar

May 26: A new study presents Mamba-ADR, an AI tool that scans social media posts to identify potential drug side effects (ADRs) – the kind people casually mention online but often never report to doctors or regulators. Traditional safety systems miss a large portion of these cases, leaving gaps in how we understand drug risks.

What's interesting here is the shift from simply tagging posts as “side effect” or not, to assigning a confidence score that reflects how strongly a drug and symptom are linked.

The bigger signal is a move toward faster, AI-driven drug safety monitoring that complements traditional reporting systems, potentially catching risks earlier, and improving decision-making. ([Source](#))



Beyond LASIK: Rewriting Vision Correction Without Lasers

By: Ashmita Bera

May 26: Researchers from Occidental College and UC Irvine are exploring electromechanical reshaping (EMR) – a non-surgical method to correct vision using mild electrical pulses instead of lasers.

By applying a small current through a specially designed contact lens, the cornea is temporarily softened and gently reshaped, then naturally stiffens to retain the new form. **Early-stage tests in rabbit eyes showed vision correction in about a minute without cutting tissue or damaging structure.** This approach could avoid key LASIK drawbacks like irreversible tissue removal, structural weakening, and laser dependency, while potentially reducing cost barriers.

This indicates a shift toward minimally invasive, reversible, and device-driven vision correction, pointing to a future where ophthalmology converges with bioelectronic engineering rather than surgical intervention. ([Source](#))

Eli Lilly Leans into Vaccines for Long-term Growth

By: Aparajita Basu

May 26: Eli Lilly is making a deliberate pivot beyond its obesity and diabetes stronghold, committing up to \$3.83bn across three vaccine-focused biotech acquisitions – Curevo, LimmaTech, and Vaccine Company. The assets span a next-gen shingles vaccine with improved tolerability, early-stage vaccines targeting antimicrobial-resistant bacteria, and an Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) candidate **linked to cancer and autoimmune diseases.**

The deal reflects a growing recognition that prevention—especially via vaccines—may address disease burden more effectively than late-stage treatment, particularly as antimicrobial resistance rises. This indicates renewed competitive intensity in vaccine innovation, including adjuvant design, pathogen targeting, and long-horizon indications like neurodegeneration and oncology. ([Source](#))



Pinpointing Harmonic Errors to Stabilize Quantum Circuits

By: Atul Kumar Pal

May 26: A new detection method isolates second-order harmonics in superconducting **quantum circuits and traces whether they arise from Josephson junction physics or interconnect wiring.** This confirms what many of us suspect: reliability limits are no longer just material or fabrication issues they are measurable signal distortions that can be engineered out.

For IP professionals, this means claim scope should extend beyond qubit design to include diagnostic techniques and harmonic-source attribution. Monitor filings around circuit correction mechanisms and error-compensation architectures. Teams that control both detection and mitigation of these harmonics will define defensible positions in scalable quantum hardware. ([Source](#))

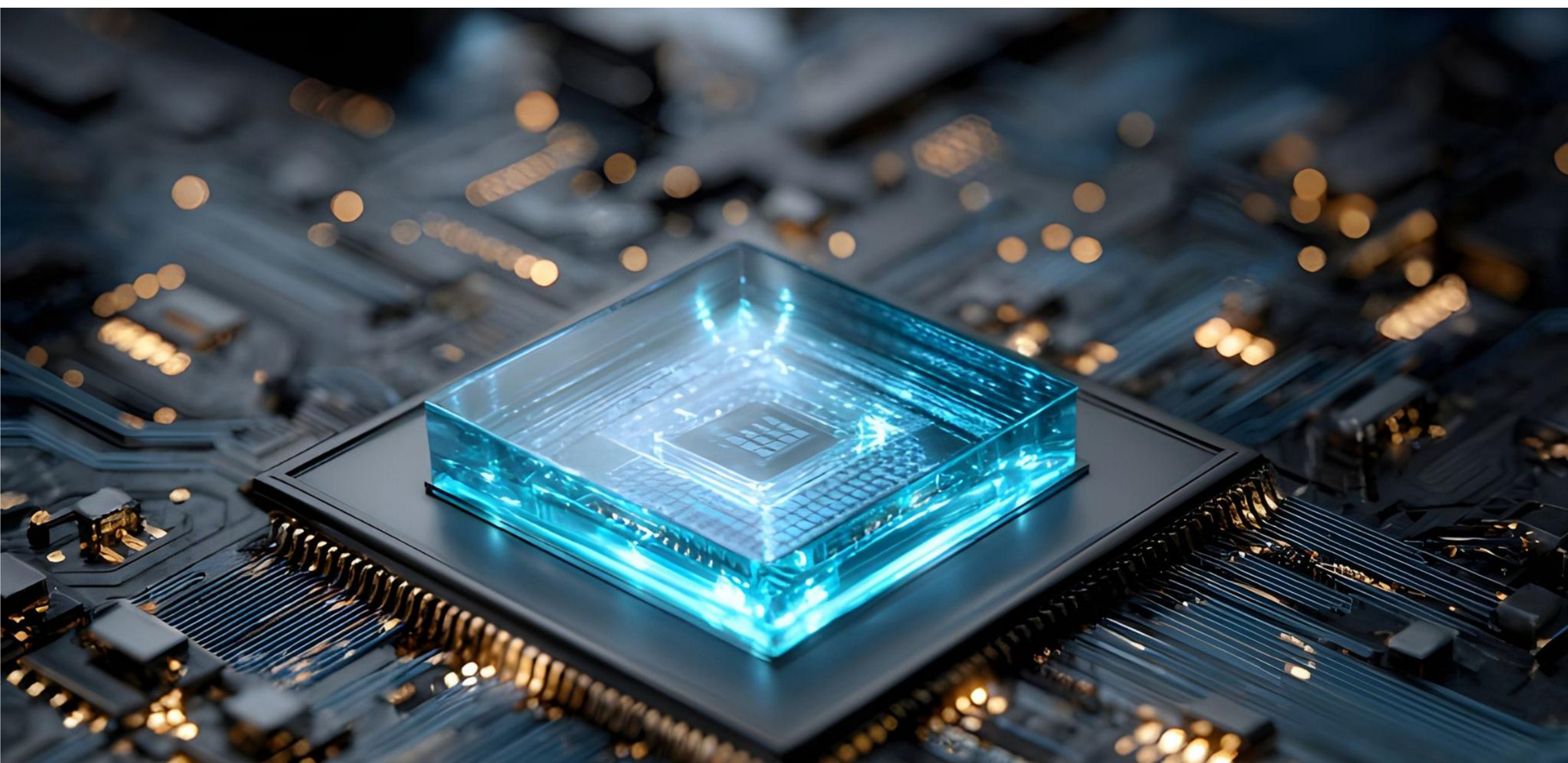
EUV Tabletop Printing Collapses 3D Patterning Time

By: Chandandeep Kaur

May 26: A stripped-down EUV lithography system paired with volumetric 3D patterning reduces semiconductor 3D structuring from days to minutes. Instead of slow layer-by-layer fabrication, it prints complex geometries in a single step and removes the limitation to periodic structures.

This signals a shift: advanced lithography is moving from high-cost, centralized fabs toward modular, research-scale systems with real design flexibility. For IP teams, expand claim coverage to include volumetric patterning methods, printer architecture simplifications, and non-periodic nanoscale designs.

Track filings around faster EUV systems and 3D feature control. Early ownership here will matter as smaller, more powerful chips depend on these fabrication advances. ([Source](#))



Adaptive Coding Cuts Depth Error and Boosts Frame Rate in I TOF Cameras

By: Atul Kumar Pal

May 26: A dual coding approach for indirect Time-of-Flight sensors adapts to both high- and low-SNR conditions, reducing noise and motion blur while delivering lower error even at shorter exposure times.

This enables faster frame rates without sacrificing depth accuracy. This shows that sensing performance is increasingly defined by signal encoding and reconstruction, not just sensor hardware. For IP teams, claim strategies must explicitly cover adaptive coding schemes, exposure-time control, and motion-aware error reduction. ([Source](#))

Qualcomm Plots Entry in Data Center Market, Working with Hyperscaler

By: Chandandeep Kaur

May 26: A silicon photonics chip using varied antenna geometries reduces crosstalk, enabling wider field of view lidar without moving parts or added noise. By altering antenna width and corrugation patterns, the design controls light propagation and avoids interference seen in uniform arrays.

This confirms that lidar scaling limits are shifting from mechanics For IP teams, expand claims beyond “no moving parts” to include antenna geometry variation, to photonic design precision. propagation control, and crosstalk mitigation at the array level. Track filings around beam steering methods within optical phased arrays. ([Source](#))



CVC Capital Partners Acquires IFF's Food Ingredients Business for \$4.3bn

By: Simmi Kapoor

May 26: Ingredient companies are narrowing their focus. IFF's \$4.3 billion divestiture of its Food Ingredients business to CVC Capital Partners shows a clear shift toward higher-growth areas such as Taste, Scent, and Health & Biosciences.

This mirrors a broader trend I've seen across specialty ingredients, where mature businesses are being carved out to fund innovation-led platforms.

IP and R&D teams should expect greater investment in biotech-enabled, health-focused technologies and adjust portfolio priorities accordingly. ([Source](#))

Olay Redefines Skin Longevity With "Skinsurance"

By: Simmi Kapoor

May 26: The beauty industry is moving beyond anti-aging. Olay's new "Skinsurance" campaign positions skincare as a long-term investment in skin health, combining personalized recommendations, bundled products, and prevention-focused messaging.

This reflects a trend I've seen across consumer health and beauty brands, where longevity and personalization are replacing traditional age-based claims. R&D and IP teams should watch for increased innovation around predictive skincare, personalized formulations, and science-backed wellness positioning.



Propel Targets Multifunctional Wellness with Clear Protein Powder

By: Akshyansh Kumar

May 26: Protein products are becoming more than muscle-recovery solutions. Propel Clear Protein combines protein, fiber, electrolytes, and zero sugar in a lightweight format designed for hydration, digestive health, and everyday nutrition.

This reflects a trend I'm seeing across the wellness category, where consumers increasingly seek products that deliver multiple benefits in a single serving. R&D teams should focus on multifunctional formulations that address evolving needs, including demand from GLP-1 users and health-conscious consumers. ([Source](#))

Mondelēz Grows Kids Snacking Portfolio With New Zbar Launches

By: Akshyansh Kumar

May 26: Mondelēz is expanding its Zbar portfolio with the introduction of Zbar Oat Bites and a new Strawberries 'n Creme flavor for its Zbar Protein snack bar range. Designed for active children, the products cater to on-the-go consumption occasions such as school, sports, and outdoor activities.

The new Oat Bites are made with organic oats and provide 14g of whole grains per pack, while the new protein bar flavor delivers 5g of protein per serving alongside real fruit and organic oats. Both offerings are USDA Certified Organic and align with growing consumer preference for cleaner-label, nutritious snacks for children. ([Source](#))



Europe Pushes for Faster, Smarter Regulation

By: Basharat Ahmed Sofi

May 26: Regulatory speed is becoming a competitive advantage. Discussions at Euro Convergence 2026 highlighted efforts to streamline EU medical device and pharmaceutical regulation through AI-enabled processes, shorter review timelines, and regulatory sandboxes.

This reflects a shift I've seen from static compliance models toward more adaptive, innovation-focused frameworks. For IP, regulatory, and R&D teams, success will increasingly depend on early engagement with regulators, stronger submissions, and readiness for faster review cycles. ([Source 1](#); [Source 2](#)).

FDA Re-Visits Animal Testing in Cancer Drug Development

By: Aasia Razi

May 26: Animal testing requirements for oncology biologics may soon become more selective. The FDA's draft guidance supports greater use of alternative methods and evidence-based assessments in place of certain animal studies, including some non-human primate testing.

This builds on a trend I've seen since the pandemic, where regulators have become more open to scientifically justified alternatives. Oncology sponsors should strengthen nonclinical strategies around New Approach Methodologies and prepare for greater scrutiny of evidence quality rather than study volume. ([Source](#))



FDA Eyes New Uses for Older Drugs

By: Basharat Ahmad Sofi

May 26: Drug repurposing is gaining renewed regulatory attention. The FDA is seeking input on using approved drugs for new indications, with a focus on evidence from real-world data, preclinical research, and AI-driven insights.

This reflects a growing recognition that existing therapies may address unmet needs faster than developing new drugs from scratch. Sponsors and researchers should reassess mature portfolios for repurposing opportunities and watch for new pathways to expand indications and update labeling. ([Source](#)).

Industry Pushes Back on FDA Inspection Response Rules

By: Jiju Narayanan

May 26: Form 483 responses are becoming a regulatory flashpoint. Industry groups argue the FDA's draft guidance could effectively create new CGMP expectations by increasing documentation demands and limiting flexibility in how manufacturers respond to inspection findings.

This reflects a broader concern I've seen whenever guidance begins influencing enforcement without formal rulemaking. Regulatory and quality teams should review response strategies carefully and monitor how the FDA balances transparency, risk-based oversight, and legal protections. ([Source](#))



European Commission Bets on Biotech Reform

By: Basharat Ahmad Sofi

May 26: Europe is trying to turn scientific strength into commercial success. **The proposed European Biotech Act aims to simplify regulatory pathways, improve access to guidance, and support innovation through tools such as regulatory sandboxes and foresight panels.**

This reflects a challenge I've seen repeatedly in biotech: strong research does not automatically translate into products and manufacturing scale. Developers, particularly SMEs and ATMP sponsors, should watch for new opportunities to accelerate trials, regulatory engagement, and market entry. ([Source1](#); [Source2](#)).

FDA Gives CGT Sponsors More CMC Flexibility

By: Afifa Parveen

May 26: Cell and gene therapy manufacturing finally gets a more realistic regulatory fit. The FDA's finalized guidance allows greater flexibility in CMC strategies, including phase-appropriate CGMPs, risk-based comparability, prior knowledge, and flexible process validation.

This reflects what CGT developers **already face in practice: small batches, short shelf lives, and individualized production models.** Sponsors should engage CBER early and build scientifically justified CMC plans that support faster review without weakening product quality. ([Source](#)).



EMA CHMP Backs Eight New Medicines

By: Jiju Narayanan

May 26: EMA's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) recommended eight new medicines for approval at its May 2026 meeting, including Jascayd for idiopathic or progressive pulmonary fibrosis and conditional approval for Vijoice in severe PIK3CA-related overgrowth spectrum disorders, where no authorised medicine currently exists.

The committee also supported Etcamah for ESR1-mutated advanced or metastatic breast cancer, three hybrid medicines, and the ranibizumab biosimilar Vislyfa.

The recommendations are notable because they address areas with significant patient need, including serious lung disease, rare genetic overgrowth disorders, breast cancer, diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular prevention, and retinal disease. CHMP also backed indication extensions for 13 authorised medicines, including Keytruda, Enhertu, Wegovy, Trodelvy, and others.

The update points to continued momentum in EU medicines review, with approvals spanning novel therapies, hybrids, biosimilars, and lifecycle expansions. ([Source](#)).



Porsche Could Reinvent One of Its Most Iconic Technologies

By: Nitesh Kumar

May 26: Porsche has patented a modernized air-cooled engine system inspired by classic 911s. **The design encloses the engine in a case with directed airflow cooling the engine, radiator, turbochargers, and exhaust, while rear fans extract hot air. Cooling fins enhance efficiency and appearance.**

The setup could reduce radiators, plumbing, packaging needs, and aerodynamic drag, though it remains only a patent concept. ([Source](#))

Hyundai's Next Performance EV Could Have a Manual

By: Nitesh Kumar

May 26: Hyundai has patented a shift-by-wire mechanism that mimics both manual and automatic transmissions in EVs. The system features multiple shift gates, simulated clutch engagement, and a neutral position between gears without mechanical linkage.

Designed to enhance driving feel, it complements Hyundai's simulated gearshift technology. Similar concepts exist from Koenigsegg and Porsche, reflecting growing efforts to recreate traditional driving experiences digitally. ([Source](#))



BMW M Ignite Technology: Innovative New Technology for All Six-Cylinder In-Line Engines from BMW M.

By: Sachin Patel

May 26: BMW's patented "M Ignite" pre-chamber ignition technology will enter production in 2026 on the BMW M2, M3, and M4. Inspired by motorsport, the system uses dual ignition chambers to improve combustion speed, reduce knocking, lower exhaust temperatures, and significantly cut fuel consumption under high loads.

Combined with higher compression and advanced turbochargers, it also helps BMW meet upcoming Euro 7 emissions standards. ([Source](#))

Ford Teams Up with a Legendary Clothing Brand for a New Truck

By: Sachin Patel

May 26: Ford and Carhartt have introduced a special package for the 2027 Super Duty, featuring exclusive styling and branded interior upgrades. Enhancements include a unique grille, Carhartt graphics, custom 20-inch wheels, off-road accessories, branded bedliner and floor mats, plus Carhartt-inspired seats and stitching.

Available in six colors, the package builds on the companies' new partnership and targets rugged truck enthusiasts. ([Source](#))



Standard Essential Patents

Standard Essential Patent (SEP) Landscape



Samsung-Zte Ruling Redefines Global Frand Strategy

By: Jitendra Shreemukh

May 26: The UK High Court set a \$392 million FRAND royalty payment in the Samsung-ZTE SEP dispute, while a Chinese court reached a materially different valuation in parallel proceedings. The significance goes beyond the parties involved.

This is one of the examples of courts in different jurisdictions issuing competing global FRAND determinations for the same licensing relationship. SEP owners and implementers can no longer assume a single jurisdiction will dictate licensing outcomes. ([Source](#))

Asus Ends Wi-Fi Sep Disputes Through Sisvel Pool License

By: Jitendra Shreemukh

May 26: ASUS became the latest licensee of the Sisvel Wi-Fi Multimode patent pool, bringing an end to multiple SEP disputes involving licensors including Huawei, Philips, and Wilus. The agreement demonstrates how patent pools are increasingly being used to resolve litigation rather than merely facilitate licensing.

The development also strengthens Sisvel's position in the **Wi-Fi 6 and Wi-Fi 7 ecosystem**, where licensing activity has accelerated significantly. Pool participation is becoming a preferred path to avoid multi-jurisdictional SEP litigation. ([Source](#)).



Nokia And Geely End Global 5g Patent Dispute

By: Jitendra Shreemukh

May 26: Nokia reached a settlement with Chinese automaker Geely, ending a closely watched global 5G licensing dispute. The agreement was accompanied by signs that Avanci continues to expand its automotive licensing footprint, including new 4G and 5G vehicle licensees.

The development reinforces the view that automotive SEP licensing is moving toward broader market coverage rather than prolonged litigation. ([Source](#)).

Dolby's Av1 Injunction Challenges The "Royalty-Free" Narrative

By: Jitendra Shreemukh

May 26: A Brazilian court granted Dolby a preliminary injunction against Skyworth in a patent dispute involving technology allegedly used in products supporting the AV1 video codec. AV1 has gained significant adoption across streaming platforms, smart TVs, and connected devices as an alternative to traditional licensed CODECs.

This decision demonstrates that implementation of an open standard does not necessarily shield companies from third-party patent assertions. ([Source](#)).



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