

Announcement

The W-CDMA Patent Licensing Programme exceeds more than 50 W-CDMA Essential Patent families for Terminals

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Today, 3G Licensing, the licensing administrator for the W-CDMA Patent Licensing Programme, announced that the number of patent families for terminals licensed under the W-CDMA Patent Licensing Programme from which at least one member patent is certified essential to the 3GPP standard now exceeds fifty (50). With an anticipated average of 4 to 5 essential patents per patent family, this could represent eventually up to two hundred and fifty (250) individual W-CDMA Essential Patents licensed under the W-CDMA Patent Licensing Programme.

Each certified W-CDMA Essential Patent licensed under the W-CDMA Patent Licensing Programme has been rigorously evaluated by the International Patent Evaluation Consortium (IPEC), the evaluation service provider nominated by the Licensors under exclusive contract to 3G Licensing. IPEC is a grouping of patent law firms operational in the major potential market countries worldwide (that is, Japan, Korea, China, Europe, Australia and North America) as well as other jurisdictions of the patents from the portfolio licensed under the W-CDMA Patent Licensing Programme.

Determination of the « true » W-CDMA Essential Patents is a « must » for meaningful licensing. Patent owners often overstate the number of essential patents they own; and licensees often belittle licensor patents to the extent possible. Besides, some licensees lack the ability and resources to evaluate the claims of the licensors and may pay more than the amount justified by the true strength of the patent portfolio. The certification process eliminated these types of obstacle.

The essentiality evaluation by IPEC provides the highest quality evaluation, and this methodology has become a credible standard, recognized by the 3G industry, for the evaluation and certification of patent essentiality.

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About 3G Licensing

3G Licensing is responsible for the commercialisation worldwide of the W-CDMA Patent Licensing Programme. 3G Licensing has been specifically formed for this purpose. 3G Licensing is incorporated in England, UK.