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Mr Heiko MAAS,  
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Dear Mr. Maas,

Please find attached another letter signed by European companies and associations.  
I am writing on behalf of:

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Air Liquide S.A.	France
Alfa Laval AB	Sweden
Audi AG	Germany
BASF SE	Germany
Bayer AG	Germany
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH & Co. KG	Germany
Robert Bosch GmbH	Germany
Bracco Spa	Italy
Electrolux AB	Sweden
Michelin	France
SAP SE	Germany
Scania AB	Sweden
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ThyssenKrupp AG	Germany
Volkswagen AG	Germany
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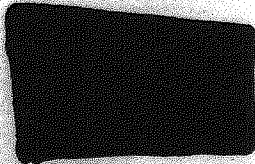
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The undersigned are based in different countries and operate in different industry sectors such as pharmaceuticals, chemicals, mechanical engineering, electronics, energy, automotive, steel, paper, home appliances and software.

Very truly yours,  
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Dear Mr. Maas,

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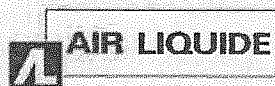
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We further agree with most delegations of the Competitiveness Council that the entry into force of the Unitary-Unified Patent package should be achieved with the broadest geographical scope possible. To this end we urge all Member States with still outstanding ratifications – in addition to those of the UK and Germany being prerequisite for the entry into force – to ratify soon and so broaden the system's scope and attract investments.

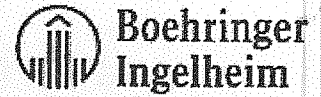
With the measures pointed out the signing companies and associations see an attractive way forward to start up the new system in 2017. This will reduce costs for obtaining, maintaining and enforcing patent protection in Europe and, in turn, spur investments and growth.

Yours sincerely,

The ABB logo consists of the letters 'A', 'B', and 'B' in a bold, stylized font. The 'A' is formed by two thick vertical bars and a horizontal bar, while the 'B's are also formed by thick vertical and horizontal bars.The Air Liquide logo features a stylized 'A' inside a square, followed by the words 'AIR LIQUIDE' in a rectangular box.The Alfa Romeo logo is a circular emblem. It is divided horizontally into two halves. The top half is blue with a white cross, and the bottom half is red with a white serpent (the Biscione) devouring a human figure.



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Best regards

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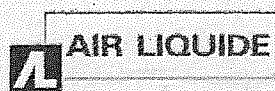
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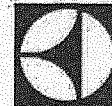
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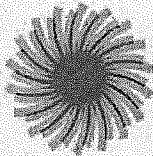
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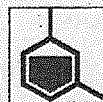


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