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**Von:** Joerg Thomaier [mailto: ]  
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**An:** Poststelle; Maas, Heiko (Minister)  
**Betreff:** Joint industry letter re UP/UPC

Ms Katarina BARLEY,  
  
 Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection,  
  
 Bundesministerium der Justiz und für Verbraucherschutz,  
  
 Mohrenstr. 37, 10117 Berlin

Dear Ms Barley,

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Please find attached a joint letter signed by European companies and associations. The undersigned are based in different countries and operate in different industry sectors such as pharmaceuticals, automotive, chemicals, mechanical engineering, electronics, energy, steel, agrochemicals, paper, home appliances and software. I am writing to you on behalf of the undersigned companies and associations, which would like to give a clear message in support of the unitary patent system and the unified patent court. This reform is welcome to encourage investment and spur growth across Europe, and, for this, the broadest possible geographical coverage is desirable.

Freundliche Grüße / Best regards,

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May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## **Joint Industry Letter - Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court**

The undersigned companies and associations take the opportunity to convey the following joint message regarding the long-awaited Unitary Patent package; that is the Unitary Patent and the Unified Patent Court. Our companies are committed to research, development and manufacture in Europe. We are heavily dependent on an effective patent system protecting our innovations for a certain period of time.

The introduction of the Unitary Patent (UP) and the Unified Patent Court (UPC) will significantly simplify the patent system in Europe and reduce the costs for obtaining, maintaining and enforcing patents. We support and welcome this reform to encourage investment and spur growth across Europe. The broadest possible geographical coverage is desirable as we believe it will amplify the reforms advantages for users and for society at large.

We welcome the UK's recent ratification of the UPC agreement as it moves the reform closer to realization. Further, it puts the question of the future participation of UK as a major patent country on the table. In our view, post-Brexit participation of the UK in the UP/UPC will increase the attractiveness of the system in Europe.

Accordingly, we urge that solutions to secure such post-Brexit-participation of the UK in the UP/UPC are considered. Furthermore, we call for the provision of early and lasting legal certainty relating to unitary patent protection, any extensions thereof for concerned sectors and the court. We think this will be paramount to the success of the reform.

Very truly yours,

The undersigning companies and associations

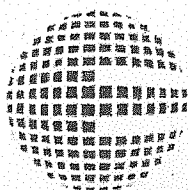


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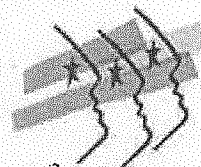


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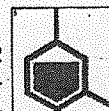
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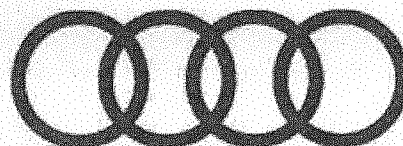
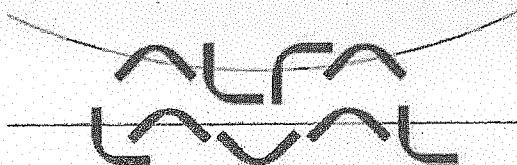
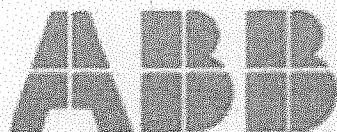
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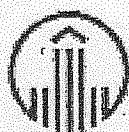
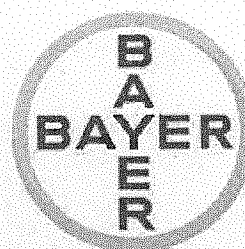


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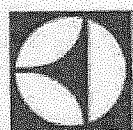




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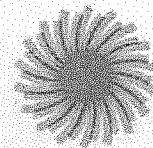
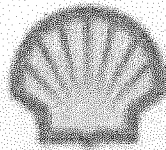


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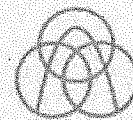
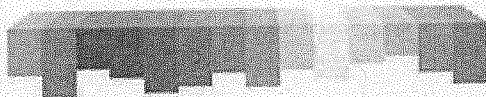


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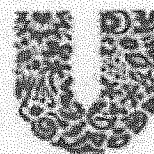
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