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21<sup>st</sup> February 2003

Dear Member

**Re: Special Interest Group Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2003 at 5:50 pm  
– Patent Protection of Traditional Medicine**

Happy Year of the Goat!

We would like to commence this year's activity with a special interest group meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2003.

The field of biotechnology has grown extensively in the past few years worldwide. As many heads of states and industrialists put it, **biotechnology is the next wave in industrial revolution**. In Hong Kong, China and the rest of Asia, one particular aspect of biological science that has captured the imagination and attention of doctors, patients and investors alike is traditional medicine.

For any technology to make commercial progress, intellectual property protection, particularly patent protection is essential. In order to obtain patent protection, most countries require that the invention be new and inventive over what is already known. How can technological advancement in the field of traditional medicine be protected when much of the knowledge consists of well known remedies and secret concoctions? What are the issues and concerns? How can investors and companies in this field protect their interests?

We are very pleased to have **Dr Jacqueline Lui**, US Patent Agent, Wilkinson and Grist, speak to us on patent protection. Dr Lui will give an overview of what patent protection is all about, and the requirements for obtaining a patent. In particular, Dr Lui will guide listeners through the unique requirements and pitfalls of patenting biological material, with special focus on traditional medicine.

Do join us on this special occasion. Particulars are summarised as follows:-

Topic: Patent Protection of Traditional Medicine  
Speaker: Dr Jacqueline Lui  
U.S. Patent Agent  
Wilkinson & Grist  
Medium: English and Chinese  
Date: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2003 (Tuesday)  
Time: 5:50 pm to 7:00 pm  
Venue: Linklaters, 10/F, Alexandra House, Chater Road, Hong Kong  
Admission: LES Member: Free  
Non-Member: HK\$50 (subject to availability)

On this special occasion, we are also honoured to have **Mr Melvin Jager, President of LES International** addressing us. Mr Jager will be visiting Hong Kong from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2003 and we are most delighted to have his participation in our meeting.

I do welcome all of you to join us. Please complete the reply slip attached (\*) and return it to Ms Jasmine Yiu of Wilkinson & Grist by fax at 2877-1295 or by e-mail [yvonnechua@wilgrist.com](mailto:yvonnechua@wilgrist.com). Taking this opportunity, we wish you happiness, good health and prosperity in the Year of the Goat.

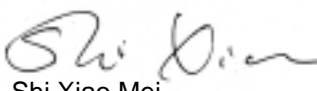
Yours sincerely



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