Intellectual Ventures - Patent and Technology Landscape Report

Description:
Intellectual Ventures LLC is a privately held company notable for being among the top five patent holders in the U.S.A. It has more than 35,000 intellectual property assets under its ownership in the USA and worldwide with a broad technological market coverage including agriculture, automotive, communications, computer hardware, construction, consumer electronics, ecommerce, energy, financial services, health technologies, information technology, life sciences, materials science, medical devices, nanotechnology, physical sciences, security, semiconductors, and software fields. Intellectual Ventures has acknowledged it intentionally withholds the true scope and nature of its IP portfolio. Its licensing transactions and interactions are protected by strict nondisclosure agreements, and the structure of its business activities makes it difficult to get a handle on the full extent of its activities. For example, our focus has identified more than 800 shell companies that Intellectual Ventures has used to conduct its intellectual property acquisitions, and it has taken considerable effort to identify these. The range and scope of its activities are so vast that it is difficult to conceptualize the reach of Intellectual Ventures. Intellectual Ventures saw $700 million in licensing revenue in the year 2010. The firm's total licensing revenue to date amounts to roughly $2 billion.

Key findings:
The structure of the Intellectual Ventures network of operations makes it tremendously difficult to detect and trace the company's activities. Intellectual Ventures has acknowledged that it uses shell companies for purchasing and holding patents, although it has not publicly identified the number of shells or their names. We identified more than 800 shell companies associated with Intellectual Ventures. And also IP activity based on publication year and priority year is observed and the trend shows that there is considerable growth. Citation analysis of assignees and technologies is carried out and the following results are recorded. Top cited patents list has also been furnished in the report.

This present report analyses consist of a brief introduction to the Shell companies. Detailed Class based taxonomy is also furnished. The report also consists of some key findings regarding Major shell company patents, IP activity over the years based on earliest priority year, publication year etc.

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