

Press release

IPR Office has been awarded ISO 9001:2008

"On the 21st of January, 2010, Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA)'s Intellectual Property Rights Office (IPR) has been assessed and certified as meeting the requirements of International Standard ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management Systems Certification for protecting and enhancing Intellectual Property Rights for Communications and Information Technology sector in Egypt. The ISO 9001 quality standard is the most widely recognized and established quality management system framework in the world. One of the quality management principles of ISO 9001 is the continual improvement of overall performance.

IPR office has received ISO 9001:2008 certificate through SGS S.A. Corporate, the world's leading inspection, verification, testing, Certification Company and accredited by United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS). SGS reviewed and audited IPR Office profile and verified its recognition and adoption of ISO 9001:2008 standards.

IPR Office is the only Intellectual Property Rights office in the Middle East with ISO 9001:2008 and the second ISO 9001:2008 awarded in the world after United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Within the framework of the Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA), IPR Office has proved its efficiency and capability in performing activities and achieving goals according to the international quality standards. IPR Office takes pride in preparing and processing all the



quality files qualifying the bureau to obtain the certification self-help without resorting to a specialized qualified company or the use of a training company."

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About ITIDA:

The Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA) is a governmental entity affiliated to Egypt's Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. It is responsible for growing and developing Egypt's position as a leading global outsourcing location by attracting foreign direct investment to the industry and maximizing the exports of IT services and applications.

Located in the heart of the modern business environment at Smart Village, the six hundred acre business park on the outskirts of Cairo, ITIDA is a self sustainable entity that drives the IT industry in Egypt and raises awareness among the Egyptian people of the benefits and use of ICT to advance socio-economic welfare of the whole community.

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