



Report: Intellectual Property Rights Critical to Jobs and Growth of Clean Energy Technologies in India

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NEW DEHLI, November 4, 2009 – The Coalition for Innovation, Employment and Development (CIED) today released the findings of a study that found a strong intellectual property system is critical to job creation and the growth of clean technology in India.

The release of *A Policy Approach for Supporting Clean Energy Technology in India* was timed to coincide with the UN meetings in Barcelona, where India, China and Brazil have been imperiling progress by seeking to eliminate protection for intellectual property related to green technologies. The CIED report states that developing and deploying advanced clean technologies in India – ranging from biofuels and hydro, to wind and nuclear - could create nearly 10 million jobs in India by 2025. Yet this growth and advancement is contingent on preserving current IP protections that are being challenged by international opposition groups, some governments (including New Delhi), policy makers in Geneva. To read the report in its entirety, go to www.thecied.org.

“The Indian economy is growing at an amazing rate, and along with economic progress comes renewed responsibility to reduce pollution and invest in the clean technologies that will play a role in solving global emissions challenges. This report highlights the invaluable role intellectual property plays in paving the way for creation of these technologies while providing significant job growth,” said Greg Kalbaugh with the U.S.-India Business Council, which is one of the supporting members of the CIED.

The CIED report examines the growth of the Indian economy and the anticipated increase in energy consumption that will accompany it, as well as the various technology sectors that will contribute to this economic growth and green innovation. Making the case that these sectors will deliver the technologies that will combat climate change, *A Policy Approach for Supporting Clean Energy Technology in India* finds that solar, biofuels, nuclear, wind, hydrogen, thermal and hydroelectric power sources are reliant on strong IP rights for further development, and continued investment in these areas is dependent on protection of innovative ideas.

“This CIED report highlights the fact that leadership in the development of clean technology is wide open; no single country or region dominates. In fact, Indian companies are at the forefront of developing, deploying and licensing green technologies. Companies like Suzlon, Tata BP Solar and Moser Baer PV Technologies are well all positioned to play leading roles. It’s obvious that the government of India should similarly be assuming a leadership role in support of clean technology innovation in the U.N. climate change discussions. Instead, Indian representatives to the U.N. have advocated for the abrogation of the intellectual property that underpins the development and deployment of these technologies. That makes no sense.”

Mr. Kalbaugh went on to remark that the continued flow of investment capital and the deployment of these technologies could lead to the creation of nearly 10 million new jobs in India over the next 25 years. These are good paying 21st century jobs. But intellectual property must be protected in India if the nation is going to see the fruition of these technologies, and the economic benefits that they will bring,” added Kalbaugh.

The Coalition for Innovation, Employment and Development is committed to championing the role of innovation and creativity in creating jobs, spurring economic growth and development, and developing breakthrough solutions to global challenges. This internationally diverse coalition is working toward bringing industry, labor, consumer and environmental groups together to address challenges ranging from health care and renewable energy, to climate change, job creation and other public policy issues.

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