

NOVEL PROBLEM

China wants to patent Gilead's experimental coronavirus drug

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CHINESE RESEARCHERS HAVE applied for a local patent on an experimental Gilead Sciences drug that they believe might fight the novel coronavirus outbreak.

The Wuhan Institute of Virology — based in the central Chinese city at the epicenter of the epidemic — has applied for a patent in China for the use of the antiviral drug, known as remdesivir, in treating the ailment. The application was made on Jan. 21 along with a military academy, according to a Feb. 4 statement on the institute's website.

The move is a sign that China wants more intellectual property sway over a drug it deems one of the most promising candidates. Beijing has moved aggressively to contain the infection that has killed almost 500 people and infected nearly 25,000. If this patent is granted, Gilead will need to get Chinese patent owners on board when it



A maintenance worker wearing a face mask sweeps snow off a pedestrian shopping street during a snowfall in Beijing AP

wants to sell the drug for treating the novel coronavirus infection outside China.

"The good thing in having a patent is that it would lead to cross-licensing situations that give China more bargaining chips in negotiating the licensing fee with Gilead," said Wang Yanyu, a senior partner at All-Bright Law Offices in Beijing. "When Gilead wants to sell the drug to other countries for fighting new coronavirus, it

will have to negotiate with China as the country which owns the patent for that specific purpose."

It is not clear if or when China's intellectual property authorities will approve the institute's application. The patent filing will need to prove that the drug works on this coronavirus strain, 2019-nCoV, in a way that's different from how it works on other viruses in the same category.

Filing of the patent application by a stakeholder in China, however, makes sense, according to Wang. "Most of the patients are here, rather than in the US which makes it unlikely that Gilead will do all these tests," he said.

While Gilead's experimental drug isn't licensed or approved anywhere in the world, it is being rushed into human trials in China on coronavirus patients after showing early signs of being highly effective. It may go into clinical trials in China as early as next week in patients with moderate and severe symptoms of the novel pathogen, said Merdad Parsey, Gilead's chief medical officer.

Chinese scientists have found Gilead's remdesivir, and chloroquine, an 80-year-old malaria drug, "highly effective" in laboratory studies at thwarting the novel coronavirus, they said Tuesday in a paper in the journal Cell Research. The two drugs' efficacy on humans required further clinical tests, the institute said in the statement.

China is capable of manufacturing chloroquine and now wants access to remdesivir.

The decision, however, to seek a patent instead of invoking the heavy-handed "compulsory license" option that lets nations override drug patents in national emergencies, underscores the delicate balancing act before China as it signals commitment toward intellectual property rights alongside curbing the virus outbreak.

"The fact that they have applied for a patent means there's growing awareness about this in the country," said Wang. "The government is compelled to avoid using the compulsory license because it has been making efforts to show China respects intellectual property rights and the abuse of compulsory licensing will draw international criticism."

Gilead will retain the global rights to market the antiviral medication — once approved — for treating other illnesses such as Ebola and SARS that the drug was originally aimed for.

Wuhan baby tests positive for coronavirus just 30 hours after birth

AGENCIES Beijing, February 5

ABABYIN China's epidemic-hit Wuhan city has been diagnosed with the novel coronavirus just 30 hours after being born, Chinese state media reported Wednesday.

The infant is the youngest person recorded as being infected by the virus, which has killed nearly 500 people since emerging late last year.

CCTV quoted experts as saying it may be a case of "vertical transmission", referring to infections passed from mother to child during pregnancy, childbirth or immediately after.

The mother had tested positive for the virus before she gave birth. The official Xinhua news agency reported Monday that a baby born last week to an infected mother had tested negative. The disease is believed to have emerged in December in a Wuhan market that sold wild animals, and spread rapidly as people travelled for the Lunar New Year holiday in January.

'Virus spread could throw cold water on Tokyo Olympics'

REUTERS Tokyo, February 5

THE SPREAD OF a new coronavirus could throw "cold water over the growing momentum of the 2020 Games," Tokyo Organising Committee CEO Toshiro Muto said on Wednesday.

"I am seriously concerned... I hope this will be resolved as soon as possible," Muto said at a meeting in Tokyo with the organisers of the Paralympic Games.

Japanese government officials including Prime Minister Shinzo Abe have said the government would work hard to minimise any impact from the virus outbreak on the Games, which start on July 24.

The death toll from the flu-like virus that originated in China's central city of Wuhan has passed 490, as two U.S. airlines suspended flights to Hong Kong following the first fatality there and 10 cases were confirmed on a quarantined Japanese cruise ship.

Vaccines against the virus probably won't be ready by the start of the Tokyo Summer



Toshiro Muto, Tokyo organising committee chief

Olympics, a professor who looked at health risks ahead of the Games told Reuters earlier, adding he hoped there was enough time to build defences.

Saburo Kawabuchi, head of the athletes' village for the 2020 Olympics, said he hoped the games would proceed smoothly, free from the virus. Separately, Japan Sports Agency has started examining the impact of the virus on preparations by athletes for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, NHK reported.

Several qualifying events including badminton and boxing have been postponed due to the virus.

Netflix spent big on Oscar-worthy films, but that may not be enough to win

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BALLOTS FOR THE coming Academy Awards are still being tabulated. But it already seems clear: This will not be Netflix's year.

The streaming giant will arrive at Sunday's Oscar ceremony leading the field, with 15 nominations. That's up from 15 last year and eight the year before, a

trajectory that highlights the success that Netflix has had in building a prestige film operation with a minimal presence in actual movie theaters. But the company could end the evening with only two wins, according to Gold Derby, which compiles the predictions of 28 awards handicappers, despite dumping truckloads of cash into awards-oriented marketing campaigns. Competitors estimate that Netflix has spent at least \$70 mil-

lion, a startling sum even by Hollywood's profligate standards. Netflix declined to comment.

"The Irishman," Martin Scorsese's gangster character study, nominated for 10 Oscars and relentlessly hyped by Netflix as "one of the best films of the decade," is expected by awards forecasters to be shut out completely. Prognosticators like Mark Harris of Vanity Fair and Scott Feinberg of The Hollywood Reporter base their opinions on



The Irishman is nominated for 10 Academy Awards but may be disappointed, awards forecasters are predicting AP

how films have performed at predictive awards ceremonies leading up to the Oscars.

At the same time, Oscar voters are poised to shower statuettes on films from old-line studios that received traditional runs in theaters, including the late-arriving World War I drama "1917" (Universal), which is the front-runner to win best picture.

It raises unpleasant questions for Netflix. Spending freely

on awards campaigning is one of the ways it has been able to woo marquee filmmakers like Mr. Scorsese. But with some analysts starting to question the return — Netflix already had a poor outcome at the recent Golden Globe Awards — will the streaming giant change its ways?

While there are those who would argue that competing films like "1917" and "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood"

(Sony) are simply better, the film establishment has been wary of Netflix. Could the lack of statuettes be a backlash to a tech giant that is upending entertainment industry business practices and threatening Hollywood power hierarchies?

Ted Sarandos, Netflix's chief content officer, said losses at awards shows leading to the Oscars in no way represented an uprising against the company. —NYT

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Form No. INC-26 [Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014] Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the company from one state to another Before the Central Government South East Region. In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 AND In the matter of Schloss HMA Private Limited having its registered office at 995, Sriniketan, 14th Cross Road, 21st Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070, Karnataka. Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 27 January 2020 to enable the company to change its Registered Office from "State of Karnataka" to "State of Tamil Nadu".

FORM NO. INC-25A BEFORE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS, SOUTHERN REGION, CHENNAI IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013, SECTION 14 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND RULE 41 OF THE COMPANIES (INCORPORATION) RULES, 2014 AND IN THE MATTER OF M/S. SAVIO INDIA LIMITED, HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT FACTORY PREMISES, TAMARAIKULAM PO, POLLACHI TALUK, COIMBATORE - 642109 - APPLICANT. Notice is hereby given to the general public that the company intending to make an application to the Central Government under section 14 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with aforesaid rules and is desirous of converting into a private limited company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 20.01.2020 to enable the company to give effect for such conversion. Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change/status of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his interest and grounds of opposition to the concerned Regional Director at the address 5th Floor, Sastrri Bhavan, 26 Haddows Road, Chennai - 600 006, within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below. Name of the Company: Savio India Limited Registered Office Address: Factory Premises, Tamaraikulam PO, Pollachi Taluk, Coimbatore - 642109. For and behalf of the Applicant Franco Bonello Managing Director (DIN: 07387316)



