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CV SUMMARY OF DR. KARI SIPILA

Dr. Kari Sipilä is Executive Director in a management consulting company Future Innovations, which specializes in innovation and technology development activities and related businesses. He is a management consultant to small and medium sized companies, universities and research institutes, World Intellectual Property Organization, European Patent Office, and other international organizations in the fields of intellectual property and innovation policy, development and commercialization. He is also member of the Board and Chairman of the International Committee of NestorPartners, and serves on the Board of Directors of several companies.

In 1992-2003, he was the Executive Director of the Foundation for Finnish Inventions, a non-profit Innovation Centre, which promotes, finances and assists in commercialization the Finnish innovative products and methods. Prior he was a Director at Postipankki bank and worked at international companies in Finland, USA, Switzerland, and Saudi Arabia (Suunnittelukeskus Ltd, YIT Corporation, Amer Group). He graduated with a Master of Science, a Licentiate of Technology and received a Doctor of Technology h.c. from the Helsinki University of Technology. Dr. Sipilä is a citizen of Finland.

Dr. Sipilä has a lot of experience in the fields of innovation, intellectual property and technology. He has made numerous of presentations and written articles in Finland and internationally (for instance in China, Estonia, Hungary, Lebanon, Norway, Oman, Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Ukraine, United Kingdom and USA). The topics included management activities in the fields of innovation, innovation policy and strategy, management, strategy and use of intellectual property rights, IPR activities in universities, development and activities of innovation centres, development work and financing related to inventions, business of new products and services as well as technology transfer, licensing and commercialization. He is also working actively in mentoring and coaching tasks with companies, management personnel and in educational organizations.

For the past ten years, he has been the Chairman of the Steering committee of Innofinland, where the President of Finland gives innovation awards to outstanding Finnish innovative companies. He has also served on the Board of Directors of The Millennium Prize Foundation. He is also Honorary member and Past President of LES Scandinavia - Licensing Executives Society of Scandinavia - and is a member and former Vice-Chairman in the Finnish Academies of Technology. He is in NestorPartners Member of the Board as well as Chairman of the International Committee.

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