

## Media Release

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### **IPH appoints former WIPO Director General, Francis Gurry as Strategic Advisor**

IPH Limited, the leading intellectual property (IP) professional services group in the Asia Pacific region, is pleased to announce the appointment of the former Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), Francis Gurry, as a strategic advisor to the group.

Mr Gurry is one of the world's leading authorities on intellectual property matters, having served as Director General of WIPO from October 2008 to September 2020.

WIPO is the global forum for intellectual property services, policy, information and cooperation. It is a self-funding agency of the United Nations, with 193 member states.

"We are pleased to have secured an executive of Francis' calibre to the group as a strategic advisor," said Dr Andrew Blattman, CEO, IPH Limited.

"Under Francis' leadership, WIPO has been at the forefront of managing the impact of rapid technological change on international patent and copyright systems and ensuring that the IP system continues to serve its fundamental purpose of encouraging creativity and innovation.

"We will be able to draw on Francis' unparalleled knowledge, insights and experience in global IP matters for the benefit of our clients and our IP professionals across the group."

Mr Gurry said he was pleased to join IPH as strategic advisor at an exciting time in the group's continued development.

"IPH is one the major patent filers globally and has been an innovator in the IP sector, including being the first IP services group to list on the Australian Securities Exchange in 2014. I look forward to bringing my experience to the group and assisting IPH progress its strategy to be the leading IP services group in secondary IP markets and adjacent areas of IP."

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#### **About IPH Limited**

IPH Limited ("IPH", ASX:IPH), the holding company of AJ Park, Griffith Hack, Pizzeys, Practice Insight, Shelston IP and Spruson & Ferguson, is the leading intellectual property ("IP") services group in the Asia-Pacific region offering a wide range of IP services and products. These services are provided across Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Pacific Islands and Asia from offices in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra, Perth, Auckland, Wellington, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Beijing, Hong Kong and Bangkok. The group comprises a multidisciplinary team of approximately 900 people, including some of the most highly regarded IP professionals in the Asia-Pacific region. The team services a diverse client base of Fortune Global 500 companies and other multinationals, public sector research organisations, foreign associates and local clients. IPH was the first IP services group to list on the Australian Securities Exchange.