

## Tilleke & Gibbins Appoints New Managing Director in Vietnam

**Hanoi, Vietnam, January 28, 2010**—Tilleke & Gibbins today announced the appointment of Thomas J. Treutler as the new managing director of the firm's Vietnam operations. Treutler, a registered foreign lawyer with the Ministry of Justice, has worked in the legal services field in Vietnam since 1994. He has been with Tilleke & Gibbins since 2007, handling both commercial and intellectual property matters as a senior associate based in the firm's Hanoi office. As a USPTO-qualified patent attorney, Treutler has been recognized as a leading intellectual property practitioner in Vietnam by reputable publications such as *Chambers Asia* and *The Asia Pacific Legal 500*.

Treutler is succeeding John Ellis King, a partner at the firm, in this key role. Having overseen tremendous growth in the firm's Vietnam operations over the past three years—including the hiring of over 30 lawyers and staff and relocation to state-of-the-art new facilities in both Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City—King will remain with Tilleke & Gibbins, returning to the fold in the firm's Bangkok office, where he had been based prior to his move to Vietnam. Continuing in his role as a partner, King will help to lead the firm's well-regarded dispute resolution group in Bangkok.

As part of this management reorganization in Vietnam, promotions were also announced for Nguyen Thi Phi Nga, whose new title is Department Head, Trademark and Patent, and for Michael K. Lee, who has been appointed as Department Head, Commercial. Nguyen has over 16 years of experience with IP in Vietnam, while Lee joined the firm as a lateral hire in 2009 and will be responsible for overseeing the firm's commercial practice in both Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

### About Tilleke & Gibbins

Established in 1890, Tilleke & Gibbins is the oldest and one of the largest independent multiservice law firms in Thailand. Tilleke & Gibbins was the first foreign law firm to be granted a license to open a representative office in Vietnam, and has been serving the legal needs of foreign clients in Vietnam since 1989. With offices in both Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, the firm's IP practice has been named a top-tier IP practice in Vietnam by *Managing Intellectual Property*, *Chambers Asia*, *The Asia Pacific Legal 500*, *Asia IP*, and *Asian Legal Business*. More information about the firm is available at [www.tillekeandgibbins.com](http://www.tillekeandgibbins.com).

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