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GTT Group, Inc. Releases First Quarter 2019 Review & Market Outlook
Including the Q1 2019 Patent Market Index (PMI®)

Portland, Oregon (April 30, 2019) Global Technology Transfer Group, Inc. (GTT Group), the world leader in strategic patent analysis and patent transaction services, today makes available the First Quarter 2019 Patent Transaction Market Report including Patent Market Index (PMI®) and Patent Licensing Index (PLI®) results.

The PMI rose to 104.46 during the first quarter of 2019, a 10.7% increase over fourth quarter 2018 results and two quarters of upward trend. With the first quarter index, the PMI is also over 100 for the first time since Q2 2016.

The PLI increased by 44.9% during the first quarter of 2019, offsetting the drop of 41.2% seen during 2018. The S&P 500 increased in Q1 2019 by 12.92%, not quite matching the decrease of 14% in Q4 2018. The PLI continues to underperform the S&P 500 over a 12 month period by over 8 basis points.

Monitored secondary patent assignment volume rose to 1,908, a 7.6% increase over fourth quarter 2018 results and the highest volume since Q1 2018. This increase tracks with the historical seasonal trend in patent activity.

“Market volatility will remain low over the next several quarters,” according to Michael Lubitz, Founder and Managing Director of GTT Group. “We expect slow and steady growth in the PMI, and smaller transactions to drive the majority of that growth.”

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About the PMI® and PLI®

The Patent Market Index (PMI®) tracks patent transaction activity and patent marketplace trends, and is reported quarterly in the Patent Transaction Market Report (PTMR). The Patent Licensing Index (PLI®) tracks activity among publicly traded patent licensing companies to provide comparative performance indicators, and is also reported quarterly in the PTMR.

About Global Technology Transfer Group, Inc.

Global Technology Transfer Group, Inc. is a patent transaction advisory & consultancy firm. GTT Group combines core competencies in patent analysis, valuation, and market knowledge to deliver unparalleled results. The company's corporate headquarters are in Portland, Oregon.

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