TILLEKE & GIBBINS' SEMINARS AND COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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In the last quarter of 2008, Tilleke & Gibbins lawyers organized a total of eight

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training sessions for Customs and police on behalf of several reputable IP owners.

The main objectives of these seminars were to educate the officers with some basic information regarding how to detect the shipments and identify counterfeit products, and to strengthen the collaborative efforts with the government sector to combat counterfeit products in the future. The training sessions were attended by over 300 officers including Economic and



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Cyber Crime Division (ECOTEC) police, local police from Police Region III in northeastern Thailand, officers from the Investigation and Suppression Division of the Thai Customs Department, and customs inspection officers from several offices in Bangkok and its suburbs. Additional training sessions have already been planned in 2009 both in Bangkok and in other regions throughout the country.