

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE OBTAINS AN IMPORTANT PATENT FOR SMART CARS

PASADENA, Calif. (February 5, 2010) — [Christie, Parker & Hale LLP](#), one of Southern California's leading intellectual property law firms, announced today that the firm was instrumental in a major patent issuance for its client, Kapsch TrafficCom Inc., an international supplier of innovative road traffic telematics solutions.

U.S. Pat. No. 7,639,159 pertains to a method and system for automatically determining right of way for "smart cars," or cars equipped with "smart" mobile units, at an intersection. The method and system include collecting position and movement information about a number of "smart" mobile units approaching an intersection, and delivers automated determination and dissemination of right-of-way information. The right-of-way indicator may prove beneficial in reducing the large number of collisions that occur annually.

"We are pleased to have played a significant role in the issuance of this patent for our client," commented [Raymond R. Tabandeh](#), the CPH partner who prosecuted the patent application. "The technology allows for 'smart cars' to access information about the geometry of a traffic signal intersection and to calculate the right of way when multiple vehicles approach an intersection. Intersection-related crashes constitute a large percentage of all car crashes," **Tabandeh** added.

"The issuance of this important patent exemplifies our extensive efforts toward integrating communication and computing technologies into motor vehicles to improve the safety and efficiency of roadways," stated **Justin McNew**, CTO of Kapsch TrafficCom. "Kapsch is an ongoing contributor to the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) Intelligent Transportation Systems program, and this patent demonstrates our commitment to the US DOT ITS IntelliDrive Program and our focus on the development and commercialization of end-to-end solutions for safety and congestion management," added **McNew**.

About Christie, Parker & Hale

Christie, Parker & Hale is a leading intellectual property law firm operating at the crossroads of science, technology and the law. Engaged exclusively in all aspects of intellectual property law, most of the firm's attorneys hold degrees in engineering or the sciences, bringing added value and perspective to client service. Drawing on a 55-year heritage, the firm continues to propel innovation and stimulate business growth by protecting its clients' most valuable assets – intellectual property. We best serve our clients by developing long-term partnerships. Working hand in hand with many of our clients, we have obtained their first patents, guided them through their initial product development, and watched them achieve market leadership.

About Kapsch TrafficCom

Kapsch TrafficCom is an international supplier of innovative road traffic telematics solutions. Its principal business is the development and supply of electronic toll collection (ETC) systems, in particular for open road tolling (ORT) of traffic, and the technical and commercial operation of such systems. Kapsch TrafficCom also supplies traffic management systems, with a focus on road safety and traffic control, and electronic access systems and parking management. Kapsch TrafficCom is headquartered in Vienna, Austria, and has subsidiaries and representative offices in 23 countries. Kapsch TrafficCom's US offices are located in Carlsbad, CA and Sterling, VA.