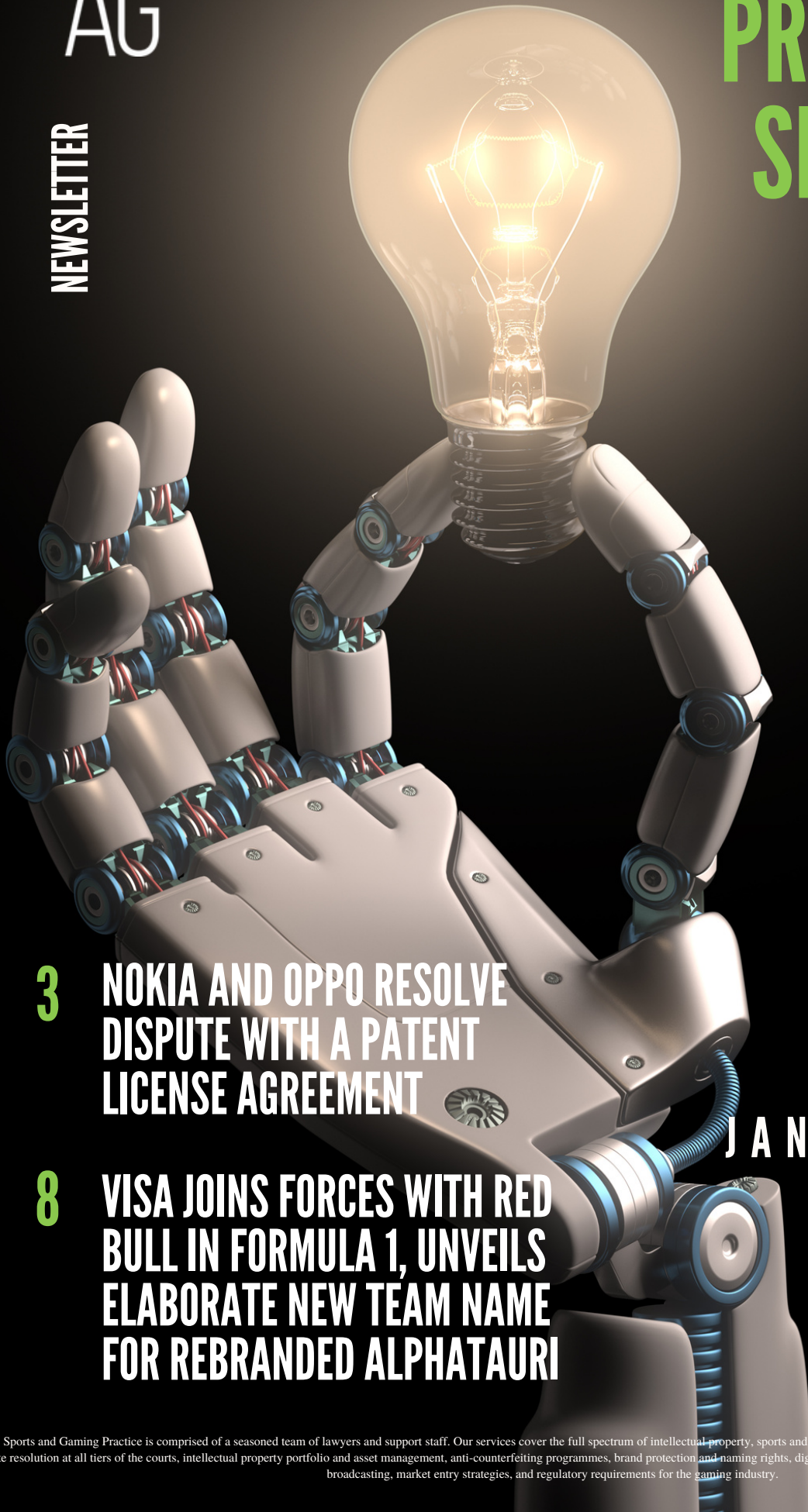


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CHANEL'S LAWSUIT AGAINST WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

Chanel filed a lawsuit in March 2018 against What Goes Around Comes Around (WGACA), accusing the luxury resale company of trademark infringement and false advertising. WGACA argued that it engaged in legitimate resale and used Chanel trademarks for identification without claiming any affiliation. The trial, which began on 9 January 2024, involves testimony on stolen serial numbers, alleged counterfeits, and consumer confusion.

<https://www.thefashionlaw.com/chanel-v-what-goes-around-comes-around-timeline-of-a-resale-lawsuit/>



THAILAND'S 50R GROUP LAUNCHES \$290 MILLION LAWSUIT AGAINST LUCKIN COFFEE

Thailand's 50R Group is suing Luckin Coffee for \$290 million over alleged economic losses during a trademark dispute. The 50R Group claims it registered the Luckin trademark in 2020 but faced legal challenges. Luckin Coffee denies the lawsuit's legitimacy, refusing to acknowledge 50R Group's Thai stores. The legal battle extends beyond coffee, involving contrasting menus and pricing between the two corporate giants.

<https://thethaiger.com/news/national/thai-company-sues-chinese-coffee-chain-luckin-coffee-over-trademark-infringement>

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TRADEMARK

POWER ROOT FACES 74.5 BILLION RUPIAH TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT CLAIM IN INDONESIA OVER THE AH HUAT BRAND

Power Root faces a 74.5 billion rupiah trademark infringement claim by Indonesian distributor CV Ego over the AH HUAT brand. The verdict in favour of CV Ego was granted by The Central Jakarta Commercial Court on 15 November 2023. Power Root plans to appeal, citing procedural issues and noting a prior dismissal of a similar claim against its Indonesian subsidiary.

<https://theedgemalaysia.com/node/696083>



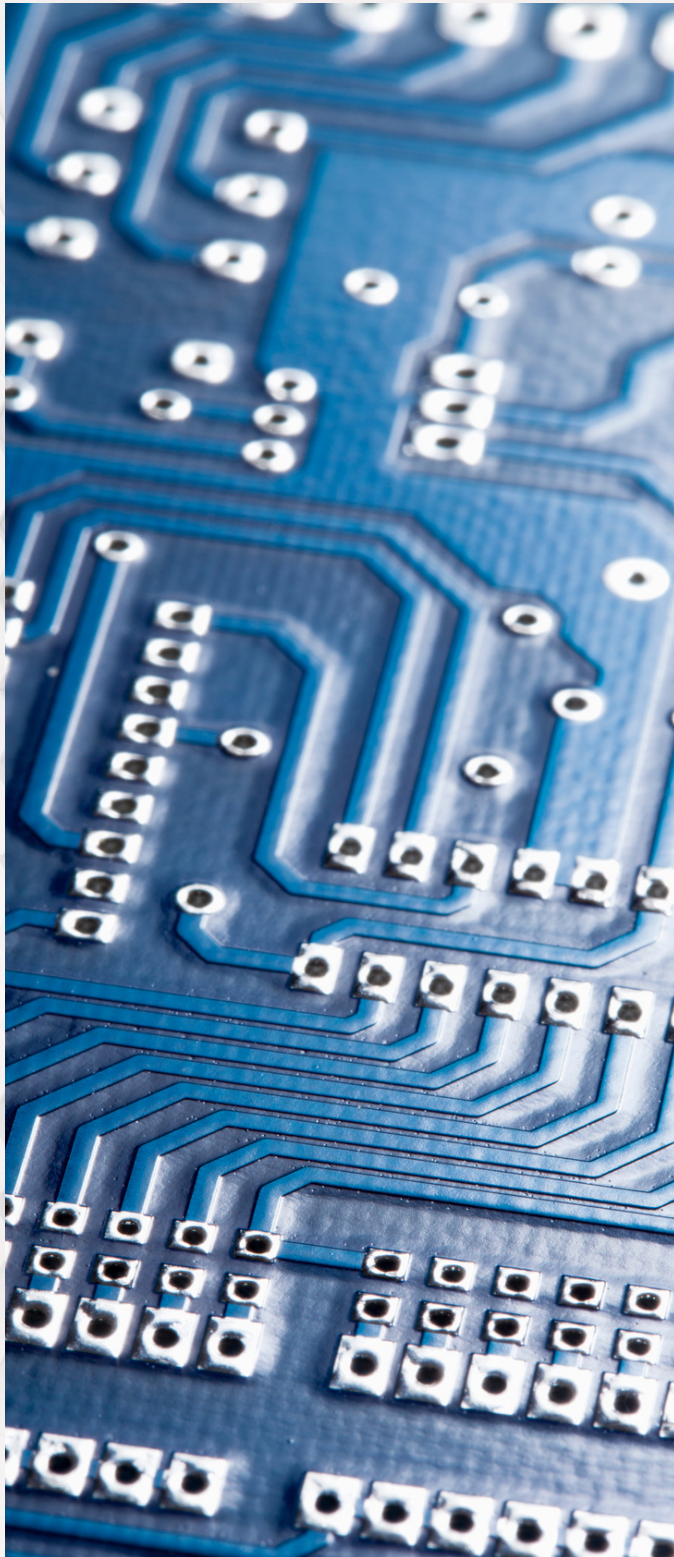
SUPERDRY FILES TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT LAWSUIT AGAINST MANCHESTER CITY OVER TRAINING KIT SPONSORSHIP

Outfitter Superdry has filed a lawsuit against Manchester City, alleging trademark infringement regarding the club's training kit sponsored by Asahi's 'Super "Dry" 0.0%' non-alcoholic beverage. Superdry claims the logo on City's gear looks identical to theirs and could confuse consumers. The clothing brand has requested an injunction to stop City from using the alleged infringement. If successful, City may need to cease using the mark and modify or destroy clothing items featuring it at their own expense.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football/article-12931607/Manchester-City-hit-law-suit-Claim-Superdry.html>

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PATENT



GOOGLE REACHES A SETTLEMENT WITH SINGULAR COMPUTING REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF AI CHIP TECHNOLOGY THEFT

Google has settled a multi-billion-dollar patent infringement lawsuit with Singular Computing, which accused the tech giant of stealing AI chip technology. The terms of the settlement, reached after a five-year legal battle, remain undisclosed. Singular had sought damages between \$1.6 billion and \$5.2 billion over allegations that Google used its patented technologies without permission in the development of tensor processing unit v2 and v3 AI accelerators.

https://www.theregister.com/2024/01/25/google_settles_singular_lawsuit/

NOKIA AND OPPO RESOLVE DISPUTE WITH A PATENT LICENSE AGREEMENT

Nokia and Oppo have resolved their 5G patent dispute by signing a new cross-license agreement. The agreement, following a legal battle, includes royalty payments from Oppo to Nokia and may enable Oppo to resume operations in European markets. The deal reflects mutual respect for intellectual property, providing a foundation for future collaboration.

<https://www.capacitymedia.com/article/2cr8usjkkd1tw7r5kw000/news/nokia-signs-patent-license-with-oppo-ending-dispute>

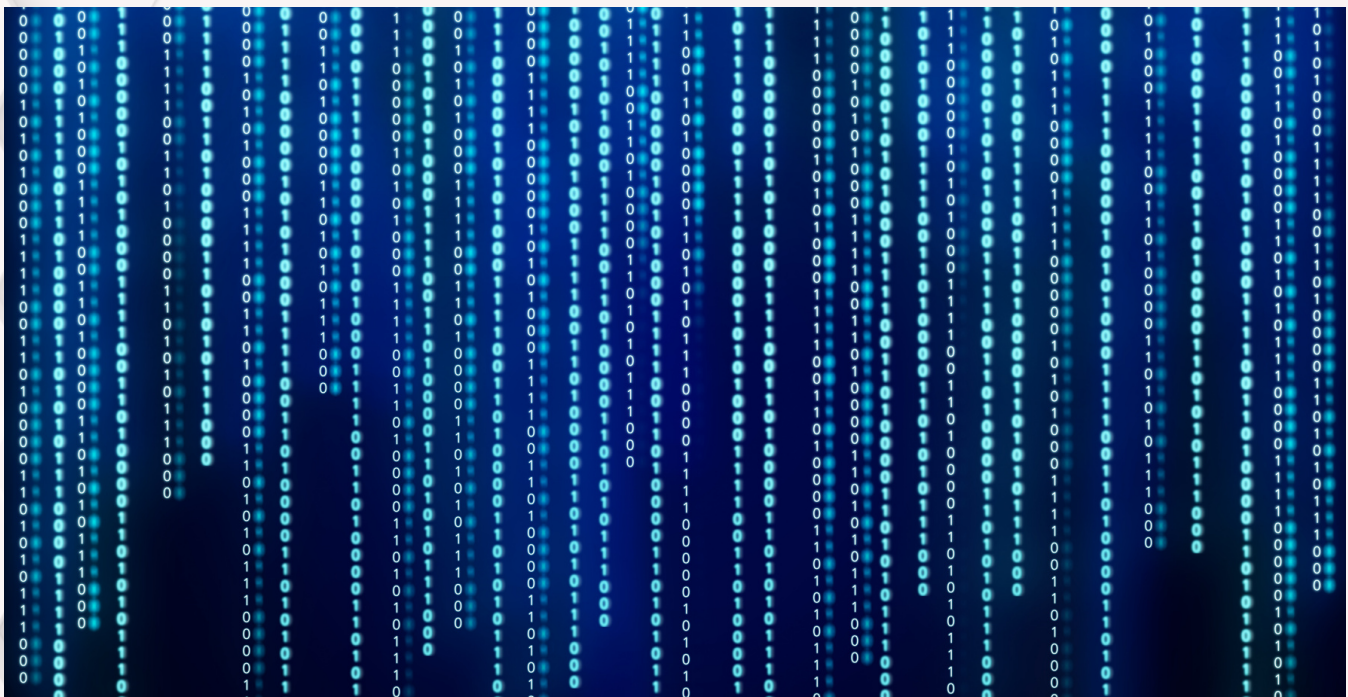
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SAMSARA INITIATES LAWSUIT ALLEGING PATENT INFRINGEMENT AGAINST MOTIVE

Samsara has filed a patent infringement lawsuit against Motive Technologies, accusing them of stealing technology patents. The lawsuit alleges telematics patent infringement, fraud, computer fraud, and false advertising, seeking punitive damages. Samsara claims that Motive engaged in deceptive practices, including unauthorised access to Samsara's software and copying patented technology.

<https://www.ttnews.com/articles/samsara-patent-lawsuit-motive>



US SUPREME COURT DISMISSES INTEL'S CHALLENGE TO FEDERAL PATENT POLICY

Intel, a major semiconductor maker, had petitioned the Supreme Court to review and rethink aspects of federal patent laws that it believed were harming its financial interests. The corporation claimed that certain policy measures were out of date and hampered innovation by imposing unreasonable restrictions on patent holders. The Supreme Court justices firmly upheld the current federal patent policy, dismissing Intel's arguments as insufficient to warrant a revision of the existing framework.

<https://www.reuters.com/legal/litigation/us-supreme-court-rejects-new-intel-challenge-federal-patent-policy-2024-01-08/>

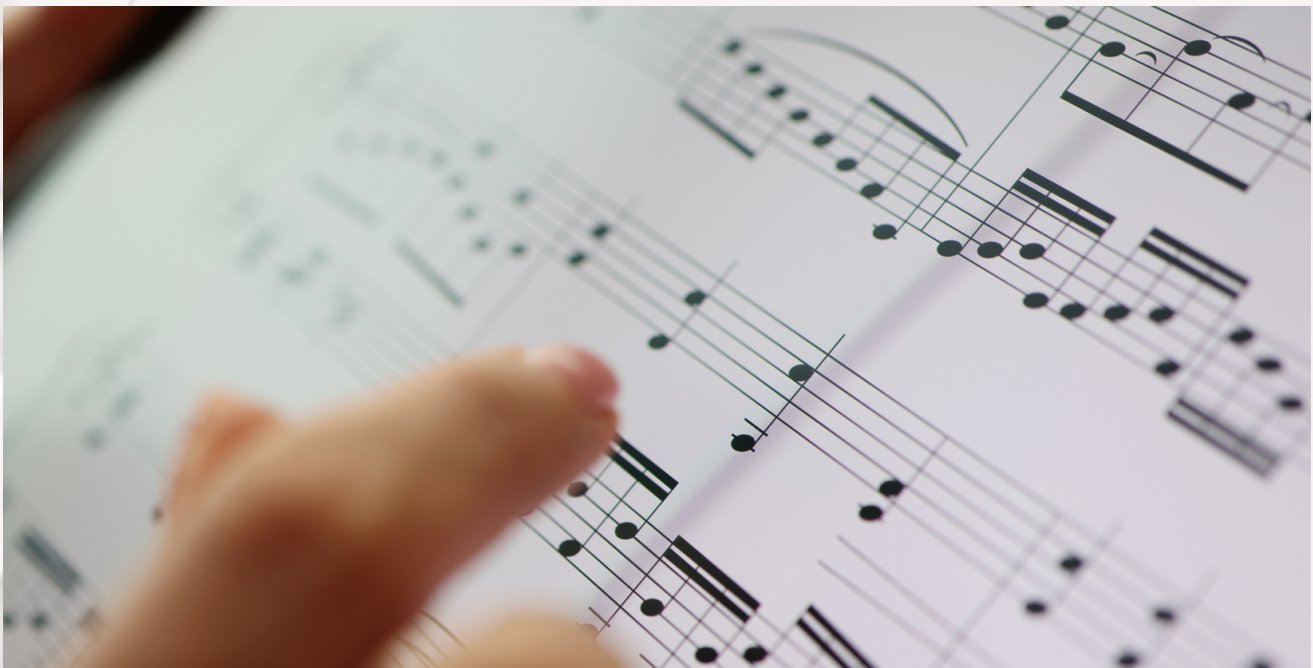
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MICKEY MOUSE ENTERS THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

After 95 years of copyright protection, Mickey Mouse has entered the public domain as the copyright on the iconic cartoon character's debut film, Steamboat Willie, officially expired in January 2024. Disney, which fought to extend copyright protection over the years, has retained some protections for later versions of Mickey Mouse. Despite the expiration of Steamboat Willie's copyright, Disney's iconic character will remain protected in some countries, but in the U.S., the Steamboat Willie version is now free for public use without the risk of copyright infringement.

<https://time.com/6551496/mickey-mouse-public-domain-steamboat-willie/>



ICE SPICE SUED FOR ALLEGED COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT OVER "IN HA MOOD"

Ice Spice is facing a lawsuit from rapper D Chamberz, who accuses her of ripping off one of his songs. Chamberz claims that Ice Spice's 2023 single "In Ha Mood" allegedly copies the beat, lyrics, hook, rhythmic structure, metrical placement, and narrative context of his own single, "In That Mood", released in January 2022.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/music/news/ice-spice-in-ha-mood-lawsuit-copyright-d-chamberz-b2480701.html>

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UK GOVERNMENT AI REPORT CONFIRMS DECISION ON PROTECTION OF COPYRIGHT WORKS

The UK government's response to the House of Lords Culture, Media and Sport Committee's report on AI and the creative industries confirms its position on striking a balance between encouraging AI innovation and protecting copyright works, an expert has said. The government's response highlights that the use of copyright works as AI training data will infringe copyright unless permitted under licence or an exemption.

<https://dig.watch/updates/uk-government-publishes-response-to-ai-and-intellectual-property-concerns>



SPORTS

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE JOINS MULTI-STATE CHALLENGE AGAINST NCAA TRANSFER RULES

The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) has joined a multi-state action challenging the NCAA's transfer rules. Ten states and the District of Columbia, along with the DOJ, are now plaintiffs in the case against the NCAA. They allege that the NCAA's transfer rules, which prohibit student-athletes from transferring more than once, violate antitrust law, specifically Section 1 of the Sherman Act, which prohibits horizontal agreements between competitors.

<https://apnews.com/article/ncaa-transfer-lawsuit-doj-da16db079aebf66e0522effa21cc3343>



CHARLES LECLERC SECURES CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH FERRARI FOR SEVERAL MORE SEASONS AHEAD

Ferrari driver Charles Leclerc says he is “pleased” to have extended his contract with the team for “several more seasons to come”. The 26-year-old made his Formula 1 debut with Sauber before signing a five-year contract after an impressive first season with the team in 2019. His salary has been reported to be set to rise from his current 25m euros (£21.3m) a year to 50m euros (£42.6m) by the end of the contract.

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/formula1/68094782>

SPORTS

VISA JOINS FORCES WITH RED BULL IN FORMULA 1, UNVEILS ELABORATE NEW TEAM NAME FOR REBRANDED ALPHATAURI

Visa has entered Formula One through a new global sports sponsorship agreement with Red Bull Racing, marking its first such deal in 15 years. The credit card company has taken on the title sponsorship of Red Bull's second team, formerly known as Scuderia AlphaTauri since 2020. The team will now be called Visa Cash App RB F1 Team as it kicks off the season with drivers Daniel Ricciardo and Yuki Tsunoda.

<https://apnews.com/article/f1-red-bull-alphatauri-visa-name-9e46c363fb80be05747fe18b6f24a8f7>



GAMING

ROCKSTAR PARENT COMPANY GOES AFTER REMEDY ENTERTAINMENT OVER TRADEMARK DISPUTE

The parent company of Rockstar Games, the creator of popular franchises like GTA, Red Dead Redemption, and Take-Two Interactive, has filed another trademark dispute. For the current dispute, Take-Two Interactive will go against the developers of Alan Wake 2 and Max Payne, Remedy Entertainment, over the letter “R” in their logo. Take-Two Interactive feels that Remedy’s logo closely resembles Rockstar Games’ logo and could create confusion among the public.

<https://sea.ign.com/alan-wake-ii/210994/news/rockstar-owner-take-two-locked-in-trademark-dispute-with-remedy-over-r-logo>



SHARES SURGE AS CHINA REGULATORY BODY TAKES DOWN DRAFT VIDEO GAME RULES FROM WEBSITE

China’s gaming regulator, the National Press and Publication Administration, has removed proposed rules from its website that were intended to restrict spending and rewards encouraging video game playing. This move has led to a boost in gaming company shares.

<https://theedgemalaysia.com/node/698298>

GAMING

EVIL GENIUS GAMES AND NETFLIX REACH SETTLEMENT IN “REBEL MOON RPG” LAWSUIT

Evil Genius Games, known for creating RPGs based on movie licenses such as Pacific Rim, The Crow, Escape from New York, and Rambo, has reached a settlement in its lawsuit against Netflix. The legal action, filed in September 2023, accused Netflix of a Breach of Contract after the termination of work on the Rebel Moon RPG, which was subsequently cancelled. The lawsuit claimed that not only did Netflix terminate the game's contract, but it also asserted ownership of the intellectual property created by Evil Genius Games, along with the entire game.

<https://www.belloflostsouls.net/2024/01/evil-genius-games-and-netflix-settle-lawsuit-over-rebel-moon-rpg.html>



UBISOFT FACES LAWSUIT FOR DISCONTINUING BELOVED FAN-FAVORITE GAME IN THE ASSASSIN’S CREED FRANCHISE

Ubisoft, the publisher of Assassin’s Creed, may face a class-action lawsuit from YouTuber Ross Scott, alleging improper money-taking in The Crew. Scott claims Ubisoft sold the game as a “perpetual license”, not a subscription, misleading players who did not receive promised content. The lawsuit is pending confirmation as Scott gathers evidence from affected users to assess its viability.

<https://www.gamingbible.com/news/platform/assassins-creed-ubisoft-facing-lawsuit-from-fan-568060-20240122>

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