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HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Electronic Payment Interface

1. Users of the Hague system are hereby informed that, as from November 5, 2008, an electronic interface for the payment of fees ("E-Payment") with regard to international applications or registrations, as notified in irregularities letters or other World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) communications, is available on the WIPO Hague website under "Online Services".

2. E-Payment may be used in any situation where the International Bureau has indicated in a communication the amount of fee payable within an applicable time limit.

3. More precisely, under the Hague system, E-Payment may be used where *an irregularity notice* has been issued by the International Bureau, and an amount of fees is due, with respect to an international application, a request for the recording of a change or the renewal of an international registration.

4. E-Payment can be made by *credit card* or through a *current account opened with WIPO*. An acknowledgement of receipt of payment will be sent automatically.

5. It will, of course, remain possible to pay any fee through the usual methods of payment: either by payment to the designated WIPO bank account or postal account or by sending a written instruction to debit a current account opened with WIPO.

6. Any queries regarding the E-Payment system may be addressed to the following e-mail address: <u>*e-payment@wipo.int*</u>. For more information please visit <u>http://wipo.int/hague/en/</u>.

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