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Subject: Confidentiality of Communications Between Clients and Patent Attorneys

Dear Sir/Madam,

In reference to your letter C. 7999 , June 28, 2011, I would like to inform that Georgian Legislation does not consider special rules regarding cross-border aspects of confidentiality of communications between clients and patent advisors. However, general rules under the Georgian Legislation concerning duties of Patent Attorneys address the issue in terms of responsibilities and protection of professional secrecy. These rules are provided in the statute of Patent Attorneys of 12 January, 2011, which is adopted in accordance with the Georgian Patent Law.

According to the Article 9 of the statute patent attorney is obliged:

- a) To protect professional secrecy notwithstanding time passed;
- b) Abstain from disseminating information without a consent of the Client during execution of his obligations as a Patent Attorney.

By the Article 10 of present statute Patent Attorney is obliged to refrain from any action which threatens interests of client, activities of patent attorneys and their independence. According to the Article 11 of the statute breach of abovementioned duties causes suspension of the right of the patent attorney.

Could you please confirm if the information submitted answers your questions.

Should you need any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact.

Sincerely,

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