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MADRID AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS

Effects of International Registrations in Montenegro

- 1. As indicated in Information Notice No. 1/2007 of January 26, 2007, the Government of Montenegro notified, on December 4, 2006, the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), that the date for the application of Rule 39 of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement was June 3, 2006.
- 2. Pursuant to the said Rule, any international registration with a territorial extension to the union of Serbia and Montenegro effective from a date prior to June 3, 2006, whether under the Madrid Agreement or Protocol, may have effect in Montenegro subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) the filing of a request with the International Bureau;
- (ii) the payment of a fee to the International Bureau, the amount of which is 64 Swiss francs per international registration.
- 3. The owner of each and every international registration concerned, or his representative (if the owner has a representative whose name appears in the International Register), will receive a written notice from the International Bureau drawing his attention to the fact that he can, by filing a request, obtain a continuation of the effects of the international registration in Montenegro. The notice will explain how the request should be presented and specify the modalities of payment of the fee. The request and the corresponding payment must reach the International Bureau before the expiration of six months from the date of the notice sent by the International Bureau; if the request or the fee, or both the request and the fee, are received later, the request will be refused.
- 4. If the conditions described above are fulfilled, the international registration concerned will, with respect to Montenegro, have effect as from the effective date of the territorial extension to the union of Serbia and Montenegro and will benefit from any priority validly claimed with respect to such extension. Moreover, as indicated by the Government of Montenegro in a communication received by the International Bureau on February 7, 2007, the territorial extension to Montenegro will be effective for the period of protection running on the date on which the request mentioned in paragraph 2, above, is received by the International Bureau. Holders are therefore advised to take into account the date of expiry of an international registration in the presentation of their request for continuation of effects under Rule 39.

5. In the same communication received on February 7, 2007, the Government of Montenegro informed the International Bureau that the preparation of national legislation to regulate, *inter alia*, procedures allowing the recognition of international registrations effective in Serbia on or after June 3, 2006, was under way.

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