HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Effects of International Registrations in Montenegro

1. As indicated in Information Notice No. 1/2007, the Government of Montenegro deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), on December 4, 2006, a declaration according to which the 1960 Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs continues to be applicable in Montenegro as of June 3, 2006, the date on which the union of Serbia and Montenegro ceased to exist.

2. As a result of the said declaration, the effects of international registrations with territorial extension to Serbia and Montenegro effective from a date prior to June 3, 2006, are extended to Montenegro, on the condition that these registrations were still effective on December 4, 2006, that is to say, the date of receipt by the Director General of WIPO of Montenegro’s declaration of the continued application of the Hague Agreement. These international registrations can be consulted on WIPO’s on-line database “Hague Express” available at the following address: www.wipo.int/ipdl/en/search/hague/search-struct.jsp by entering the country code ME in the “Designated Contracting Parties” field. The database also indicates if, in the past, such an international registration has been the subject of a notification of refusal.

3. The Government of Montenegro has also 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 underway.

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