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Madam,  
Sir,

Following consultation with your Office in its capacity as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), and also with certain intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, modifications to the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (“the Guidelines”) are hereby promulgated with effect from July 1, 2014.

The modifications relate to amendments of the PCT Regulations which entered into force on July 1, 2014 and are as proposed in Circular C. PCT 1414, dated May 9, 2014, except where further changes were made as a result of consultation, as indicated below (editorial and minor drafting changes are not specifically mentioned).

*Modifications to the Guidelines*

The following paragraphs are as proposed in Circular C. PCT 1414: 1.01, 1.11(d), 2.15(a), 2.16, 2.17, 2.18, 3.15.01, 3.21, 17.24.01, 19.11 and 19.12.04 (renumbered from 19.12.02 as in Circular C.PCT 1414).

As a result of the consultation, the flowchart at the end of Chapter 1 and the following paragraphs have been further modified: 19.12, 19.12.01, 19.12.05 to 19.12.07 (renumbered from 19.12.03 to 19.12.05 as in Circular C.PCT 1414), 19.15 and 19.20. In addition, upon suggestion from an Office, two new paragraphs 19.12.02 and 19.12.03 were added.

*Availability of the Modified Guidelines*

These modifications have been incorporated into a consolidated version of the Guidelines as in force from July 1, 2014 which is available from the WIPO website at:  
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ispe.pdf>.

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Please note that consultations on further modifications of the Guidelines on other subject matter (see Circular C.PCT 1371, dated January 31, 2013) are still ongoing. Further revisions of the Guidelines will be promulgated once those consultations have concluded.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Pooley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Pooley" clearly distinguishable.

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