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Madam,
Sir,

In accordance with Rule 89.2(a) of the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), modifications to certain PCT forms relating to the International Searching Authority (ISA), the Authority specified for supplementary search (SISA), the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) and the International Bureau (IB) are hereby promulgated with effect from January 1, 2015.

This follows consultations under Rule 89.2(b) of the Regulations under the PCT with your Office in its capacity as RO, ISA and IPEA and/or designated/elected Office (DO/EO), and also with certain intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. The modifications relate to improvements concerning the clarity of the wording and the structure of the forms in respect of references to sequence listings. The modifications are as proposed in Circular C. PCT 1417, dated June 10, 2014, except where further changes have been made as a result of consultation, as indicated below (editorial and minor drafting changes are not specifically mentioned).

Modifications of certain Forms relating to the ISA, SISA, IPEA and IB

The following forms: PCT/ISA/202, PCT/ISA/203, PCT/ISA/210, PCT/ISA/237, PCT/SISA/501, PCT/SISA/502, PCT/SISA/506, PCT/IPEA/401 and PCT/IB/375 are modified as proposed in Circular C. PCT 1417.

Additional rule references have been added to Forms PCT/ISA/225, PCT/SISA/504, PCT/IPEA/408, PCT/IPEA/409 and PCT/IPEA/441 as a result of consultation. In addition, a modification has been made to the third check box of item 2 of Box No. I of Forms PCT/IPEA/408 and PCT/IPEA/409, replacing the word “pages” by “Nos.” This

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change makes it easier to clearly identify the claims on which preliminary examination has been carried out. This modification was originally proposed in Circular C. PCT 1400 of December 12, 2013 for Form PCT/IPEA/409 but was not pursued as Form PCT/IPEA/408 was not included in that consultation Circular.

Offices which use languages other than English and French are requested to prepare the forms needed by them, in such other languages, with due regard to the provisions of Section 102 of the Administrative Instructions. The International Bureau encourages Offices to make such translations available to the International Bureau so that they can be accessed by all Offices from the WIPO website.

Availability of modified Forms

The modified forms are available from the WIPO website under *Forms in force from January 1, 2015* at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/.

Offices which need marked-up copies and/or electronic files of the forms should contact the PCT Legal Division at the following e-mail address: pct.legal@wipo.int

Yours sincerely,



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