



IMPORTANT NOTICE

MONTENEGRO and KOSOVO – Patent Renewals

Dear CPA Client

Patent Offices have now been established in both Montenegro and Kosovo. We understand it will be necessary to attend to renewal of patents and designs in each of these countries as described below.

MONTENEGRO

It has been necessary since the 28 May 2008 to pay annuities on all patents and designs in Montenegro whether granted or pending. Annuities fall due starting on the 2nd anniversary of filing (3rd annuity) and annually thereafter. There is a 6 month grace period.

If an annuity was paid in Serbia before the 28 May 2008, then this payment will be deemed also to have covered Montenegro. This holds true even if the due date was after the 28 May 2008. Conversely, if an annuity was not paid in Serbia by the 28 May 2008, even if the due date was before the 28 May 2008, then it will now be necessary to pay an annuity to the Patent Offices in both Serbia and Montenegro.

KOSOVO

Patent annuities must now be paid to the Kosovo Patent Office. Quinquennial renewal fees are due on designs. Renewal fees are due on both pending and granted cases. In the case of patents, annuities fall due on the 2nd anniversary of filing (3rd annuity) and annually thereafter. Design renewal fees fall due every 5 years on the anniversary of filing. A 6 month grace period exists.

If you intend to maintain protection in Montenegro and/or Kosovo, please ensure that you send us a corresponding record using country code KS for Kosovo and ME for Montenegro. Please also ensure that you send us details of any new filings.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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