



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### MONTENEGRO and KOSOVO – Trademark Renewals

Dear CPA Client

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

#### MONTENEGRO

##### **Registered National Trademark**

Trademarks granted before the 28 May 2008 are automatically valid in Montenegro without the need to attend to their re-filing until they are due for renewal. Therefore existing Serbian trademarks will need to be maintained separately in Montenegro in future. These will have the same renewal due date as corresponding Serbian trademark.

##### **Pending National Trademark**

Trademark applications Pending at 28 May 2008 must be re-filed. The deadline to do so will fall due on the **28 November 2008**.

##### **International Registration (WIPO)**

WIPO set deadlines to attend to the request of "continuation of effects" into Montenegro. Montenegro extensions obtained this way, as well as subsequent designations, will need to be added to the list of countries to be renewed.

\*Please note that CPA does NOT provide the re-registration service, to re-register your trademarks please contact your Trademark Attorneys\*

#### KOSOVO

##### **Registered National Trademark**

Re-registration of existing Serbian registered marks into Kosovo is necessary to obtain protection in Kosovo. The deadline to do so has been set for the **01 October 2008**.

##### **Pending National Trademark**

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**International Registration (WIPO)**

Kosovo is currently not a member of the Madrid System (WIPO) as it is not yet a legally recognised territory. Therefore it is NOT possible to apply for "continuation of effects" of existing International Registrations into Kosovo.

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.

In particular, please note the different Country and Type codes used by CPA:

**KS – TM = National Kosovo trademarks**

**ME – TM = National Montenegro trademarks**

**ME – IM = Madrid Protocol Designating Montenegro trademarks**

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

Yours faithfully

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