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## NOTICE

# LODGMENT OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS IN RESPECT OF PATENTS, DESIGNS AND TRADE MARKS IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT

In terms of Regulation 25 of the **Patents Act (Act 57 of 1978)**, the applicant is required to lodge, in support of an application in terms of Section 31(1)(c) of the Act, a copy of the application in the convention country ("priority document"), duly certified to the satisfaction of the Registrar.

In terms of Regulation 17(2) of the **Designs Act (Act 195 of 1993)**, the applicant is required to lodge, in support of an application in terms of Section 44 of the Act, a copy of the application in the convention country ("priority document"), duly certified to the satisfaction of the Registrar.

In terms of Regulation 12 of the **Trade Marks Act (Act 194 of 1993)**, the applicant is required to lodge, in support of an application in terms of Section 63 of the Act, a copy of the application in the convention country ("priority document"), duly certified to the satisfaction of the Registrar.

Notice is hereby given that CIPC will, for purposes of the Sections and Regulations stipulated here above, accept copies of the priority documents as downloaded from the websites of the relevant convention countries which have discontinued issuing of priority documents in paper form.

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Notice is hereby also given that CIPC will accept priority documents submitted in electronic form where an original is issued on paper form by a convention country, on condition that the applicant thereof will bear the onus to store and produce the original for litigation or any other purposes as may be required by CIPC.

**This notice will come into effect on 2 September 2013.**

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**ASTRID LUDIN (MS)**

**COMMISSIONER: CIPC**

**REGISTRAR OF PATENTS, TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS AND COPYRIGHT**

**28 August 2013**