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TRADE MARKS DIVISION

COMPANIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMISSION (CIPC)

Notice is hereby given that as from **4 April 2016** copies of all **official actions**, issued in terms of Section 16(3) of the Trade Marks Act (Act 194 of 1993) in respect of trade mark applications lodged from the year 2010 onwards, may be accessed electronically and printed via the CIPC website, at no additional costs.

The official actions will be available from the following links:-

1. <http://iponline.trevenna.net/home/default.aspx> *
2. <http://esearch.cipc.co.za>

** when using the IP Online link the nominal prescribed fee in relation to conducting a search of the Trade Marks Register will be payable; however there will be no fee payable in relation to the obtaining of the copy of the document as already issued.*

When accessing the above listed links, search for the particular trade mark record using the official trade mark application/registration number, and then access the copies of the documents available in respect of such application/registration.

In addition, and where available, the following documents may also be accessed electronically and printed via the CIPC website, at no additional costs:-

- Copy of Form TM1 (application form)
- Copy of Notice of Acceptance
- Copy of notice of removal of trade mark registration due to non-payment of renewal fees

CIPC customers are encouraged to make use of this new, no-cost, self-help service offering from CIPC in order to obtain copies of the trade mark related documents as listed in this notice, as opposed to submitting requests to the Trade Marks Division to be provided with copies of such trade mark related documents, in the prescribed manner and at payment of the prescribed fee.

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