

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE SLOVENIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OF THAILAND
ON THE CO-OPERATION IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Slovenia** and the **Department of Intellectual Property of the Kingdom of Thailand** (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties")

RECOGNIZING the importance of intellectual property in the conduct of trade and the flow of investment between the Republic of Slovenia and the Kingdom of Thailand, and the importance of co-operation in intellectual property between the two countries, and

DESIRING to foster closer co-operation in the field of the intellectual property in order to promote appropriate protection on a basis established under relevant international conventions, agreements and/or treaties and ensure the effective utilization of intellectual property rights,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Parties shall promote co-operation in the field of intellectual property among government agencies and facilitate the relationship between the private sectors of both parties.

Article 2

The co-operation shall include:

- a) exchange of information regarding intellectual property,
- b) exchange of technicians or experts (hereinafter called "specialists"),
- c) human resources development including training of staff through specialization program or training program,
- d) carrying out the studies or projects,
- e) organization of lectures, courses or seminars,
- f) exchange of information and possible mutual assistance concerning effective enforcement of intellectual property rights,
- g) other topics of mutual interest.

Article 3

- a) Parties shall form a Joint Commission to implement this Agreement.
- b) The Joint Commission shall comprise representatives appointed by the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Slovenia and the Department of Intellectual Property of Kingdom of Thailand respectively.
- c) The number of representatives will be settled upon mutual agreement of both Parties.
- d) The Joint Commission shall meet preferably once a year at the headquarters of the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office and the Department of Intellectual Property alternatively.
- e) The session shall be chaired jointly by the Director of Slovenian Intellectual Property Office and the Director General of the Department of Intellectual Property.

Article 4

The Joint Commission shall prepare the program of the co-operation and supervise the implementation thereof.

Article 5

- a) Each Party shall submit the names and curriculum vitae of the specialists on the mission to the Party which is the host country for preliminary approval.
- b) The specialists on the mission shall not be entitled to have an activity that is paid and/or not within the framework of their functions without preliminary agreement of the Parties.
- c) At the end of the mission, the specialists shall submit the report of activities in the host country to the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office and the Department of Intellectual Property.

Article 6

Nothing in this Agreement will prejudice the rights and obligations of each Party under any existing or future bilateral or multilateral agreement or be contrary to the legal provisions of each country related to the protection of intellectual property rights.

Article 7

- a) This Agreement will enter into effect after being signed by both Parties and upon subsequent approval if required of the respective Governments of both countries.
- b) This Agreement may be terminated by either party by a six months prior notice in writing.

Signed in Ljubljana on this twentieth day of June in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Seven, in two originals in the English language, both being equally authoritative.

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