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**NOTIFICATION OF A PROVISIONAL REFUSAL OF PROTECTION
OF AN INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION DESIGNATING
CAMBODIA
Rule 17(1)**

International Registration No: **1446305**

IR Date (Filing Date): May 29, 2018

Applicant: Burn Cable Management Systems Limited (whose legal address is C/O Cox Costello & Horne, Langwood House, 63-81 High Street, RICKMANSWORTH Hertfordshire WD3 1EQ, United Kingdom)

Mark: **FIRE RESISTANT CABLE SIMPLEX UK**

Class(es): 9

This is a provisional refusal based on *ex-officio* examination. The issues listed below prevent the Department of Intellectual Property Rights from granting the registration of the mark for **all the goods and/or services** covered by the international registration.

Grounds for the provisional refusal:

Lack of distinctiveness (descriptive)

It consists exclusively of signs or of indications that may serve in trade to designate the kind, quality, quantity, intended purpose, value, geographical origin, time or production of the goods or rendering of the services, or other characteristics of the goods or services.

Article 4: A mark cannot be validly registered:

(a)-if it is incapable of distinguishing the goods or services of one enterprise from those of other enterprises;

Contains as an element an armorial bearing, flag and other emblem

The mark contains as an element of

- an armorial bearing of [name of State / intergovernmental organization / organization created by an international convention]
- a flag of [name of State / intergovernmental organization / organization created by an international convention]
- an emblem of the [name of State / intergovernmental organization / organization created by an international convention]
- a name or abbreviation or initials of the [name of State / intergovernmental organization / organization created by an international convention]

- an official sign or hallmark adopted by [name of State / intergovernmental organization / organization created by an international convention]

Article 4: A mark cannot be validly registered:

(d) if it is identical with, or is an imitation of or contains as an element, an armorial bearing, flag and other emblem, a name or abbreviation or initials of the name of, or official sign or hallmark adopted by, any State, intergovernmental organization or organization created by an international convention, unless authorized by the competent authority of that State or organization;

Information relating to subsequent procedure:

The applicant must respond in writing to this provisional refusal within sixty (60) days from receipt of the notification of this refusal from the International Bureau (IB). The response must be filed by a duly authorized resident representative in Cambodia. The representative must be appointed pursuant to Article 58 of the Law Concerning Marks, Trade Names and Acts of Unfair Competition and Article 28 of the Sub-Decree on the Implementation of the TM Law.

Pursuant to Article 17(2) of the Sub-Decree on the Implementation of the Trademark Law, the applicant or holder, through the duly authorized representative, must submit the legal arguments, the required amendments or modifications, disclaimers (on any element(s) of the mark) or limitations required within the prescribed period.

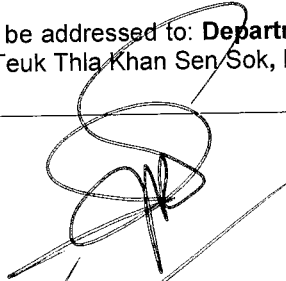
In the alternative and in accordance with Article 17(3) of the Sub-Decree on the Implementation of the Trademark Law, the holder, through the duly authorized representative, may submit a written request for a hearing to the Registrar. Upon receiving this request, the Registrar shall notify the applicant, in writing, at least one month before the date on which the applicant will be invited to be heard.

Failure to respond to the provisional refusal within the required period will result in the abandonment of the international registration.

If, after the holder's written response or hearing, the Registrar accepts the mark according to Article 19(1), the mark will be registered and the statement of grant of protection will be issued. The registered mark will then be published for opposition for a period of 90 days.

However, if after considering the applicant's response or hearing, the Registrar still refuses the registration of the mark, the applicant may, pursuant to Article 18(1), within one (1) month from the date of the communication from the Registrar, request the confirmation of the decision and the materials referred to in the decision. Under Article 18(2), the applicant may then appeal the Registrar's decision to the Appeal Board of the Ministry of Commerce or the competent court within three (3) months from the date of the decision.

All responses or communication should be addressed to: **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Commerce**, Lot 19-61 113 B, Sangkat Teuk Thla Khan Sen Sok, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



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