PATENTS (GENERAL) RULES (CHAPTER 514 SUB. LEG.) NOTICE OF INTERRUPTION IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE PATENTS REGISTRY

Pursuant to section 100A(1) of the Patent (General) Rules (Chapter 514 sub.leg.) (the Rules), I hereby notify that there was an interruption in the operations of the Patents Registry on 1 November 2004.

Under section 100A(2), where any period of time specified in the Patents Ordinance (Chapter 514) (the Ordinance) or the Rules, or as extended under the Rules, for the filing of any document or other thing with the Registrar expires on a day notified under section 100A(1), the period shall be extended to the first day next following that is not so notified (not being a day that is not a business day of the Registry). Accordingly, if the time for filing any document or other thing with the Registrar expires on 1 November 2004, the period shall be extended to 2 November 2004.

Peter K F CHEUNG

Ag Registrar of Patents

1 November 2004