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Sent by courier and by e-mail

Dear Ms. Pearce:

Re: Proposed Amendments to the *Patent Rules*: Package #3

The Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) is pleased to provide comments on the Proposed Amendments to the *Patent Rules* – Package #3.

Our first set of comments relate to the Proposed Amendments to the *Patent Rules* – Post Final Action Procedures. Two IPIC committees worked on the attached submission: the Patent Legislation Committee and the IPIC members of the JLC-Patents. In addition, all IPIC members were invited to provide comments for consideration by the committees. The two committee reports then served as the basis for the final submission approved by IPIC Council.

Our second set of comments relate to the Proposed Amendments to the *Patent Rules* and to the *Trade-marks Regulations* – Patent and Trade-mark Agents. The IPIC Self-governance Committee, with assistance from the IPIC Chair of the Trade-mark Agent Examining Board and from the Patent Agent Examination Revision Committee, prepared the attached comments that were reviewed and approved by IPIC Council. In this case also, all IPIC members were invited to provide comments for consideration by the committee.

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We thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the *Patent Rules*. If we can be of further assistance, please contact our executive director, Michel Gérin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michel Sofia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Michel Sofia
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