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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 4/5/2006 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. The new copyright act: highway or dead-end?

The copyright law needs to be adapted to the digital age and is currently undergoing a revision. In spring 2006 the Federal Institute of Intellectual Property discussed the goals, consequences, opportunities and risk of the revision with the most important interest groups. The website <http://www.urheberrecht.ch/E/> and the brochure "Copyright in the digital age: highway or dead-end?" are the products of this debate. Media release: <http://www.urheberrecht.ch/E/news/documents/news103e.pdf>.

2. Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (Singapore TLT)

On March 28 2006, the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks was signed. The Singapore TLT allows Swiss trademark applicants easier access to trademark protection at foreign trademark offices through its more efficient and user-friendly administrative procedures as well as its broader area of applicability. Thus it also makes it possible to lower the costs for international trademark protection. Further information German (<http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/documents/j110003d.pdf>), French (<http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/documents/j110003f.pdf>) and Italian (<http://www.ige.ch/I/jurinfo/documents/j110003i.pdf>).

3. FAQ - Copyright

Because of the increasing uncertainty of the broad public, whether a certain use of a work is permitted, we have substantially enlarged our FAQs-section regarding copyright and now offer a lot of additional information of interest to the lay-person as well as to lawyers. FAQ: http://www.ige.ch/faq/ur/ur_e.shtm.

Yours sincerely,

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