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Public Notice

Subject: Hearings and Submission of documents relating to proceedings under the Patents Act, 1970- reg.

1. In view of the advisory issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and concerns raised by Stakeholders regarding COVID-19 outbreak, Head of Offices of Patent Office at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai and Design Wing at Kolkata have been directed that all in person hearings in Patents and Designs matters scheduled on or before 15th April, 2020 by the Controller should be changed to Video Conferencing (VC) hearings. Wherever the applicant is unable to agree for the VC hearing, the Controller shall adjourn such hearing for a date later than 15th April, 2020. The hearings scheduled after 15th April, 2020 will remain as it is. The Head of Offices have also been directed to pass on above said directions to the notice of all the Controllers of Patents & Designs for implementation.

In view of the Stakeholders' requests, the same is now issued by way of this Public Notice.

2. Further, in view of number of representations received regarding condonation of delay/extension of timelines to file responses and/or documents relating to various proceedings under the Patents Act and corresponding rules made thereunder, attention of all the Stakeholders is drawn to the fact that as per sub-rule (6) of Rule 6 of the Patents Rules, the delay in transmitting or resubmitting documents to the Patent Office will be condoned/timeline be extended by the Controller on a petition for such condonation of delay/extension of time made not later than one month from the date when such COVID-19 outbreak ceased to exist.

3. Necessary directions in this regards have already been issued to all offices.

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Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trademarks**