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Issued by the President of the Court of Appeal

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1.

The oral hearing of the Court of Appeal of the Unified Patent Court (“CoA”) is held before the designated panel and takes place at the following premises:

European Convention Centre Luxembourg (ECCL)

Room E, 4 Pl. de l'Europe

1499 Neudorf-Weimershof

Luxembourg

Exceptionally, the entrance door that shall be used for entering the Oral hearing at the ECCL, is located on the opposite side of the main entrance (back side) of the ECCL building, marked as “Entrée press”.

2.

The oral hearing is open to the public unless the Court decides to make it confidential, to the extent necessary, in the interest of one or both parties or other affected persons or in the general interest of justice or public order.

3.

All hearings will be audio recorded.

4.

Some seats in the hearing room are reserved for parties’ accompanying persons and representatives. It is to be noted that the capacity of the courtrooms in the

European Convention Centre Luxembourg (ECCL) building is limited. Members of the public and media representatives will be admitted to the courtroom, but only to the extent that seats are available.

5.

The Court may decide to allow a party, representative or accompanying person, to attend the oral hearing by videoconference, or, but only if all parties agree or the Court considers it appropriate to do so due to exceptional circumstances, to hold the oral hearing by videoconference. In case the hearing is held by videoconference, it will be transmitted simultaneously in picture and sound to the respective courtroom.

6.

If the oral hearing is held by videoconference, only the parties and their representatives are provided with a personal link from the Registry of the CoA to have access to the WebEx transmission. It is **prohibited** to share this link. No WebEx connection may be provided to members of the public or the media.

7.

All participants to the hearing shall receive a badge from a member of the UPC Registry staff in the order in which they arrive at the entrance gate. The badge must be returned at the entrance gate when leaving (definitely) the Convention Center building. This badge may then be assigned to other interested parties. Members of the UPC Registry staff, present at the reception, shall enforce this at their own discretion.

At his discretion, the presiding judge will decide about the timing and the duration of the (lunch-) break(s). The attendees to this public oral hearing are allowed to keep their badges during the (lunch-) break(s) in order to make sure that they have access to the same courtroom as they had in the morning.

8.

Parties, accompanying persons, representatives and members of the public are invited to arrive in good time, also taking into consideration possible security checks, so that the hearing can start at the scheduled time.

9.

Any video or audio recordings during the oral proceedings or streaming of the oral proceedings is strictly **prohibited**.

Signed by Ms. Rian Kalden, Presiding Judge of the second Panel of the Court of Appeal, on behalf of:

Dr. Klaus Grabinski

President of the Court of Appeal

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