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Dear Valued Client:

G. Ronald Bell and Associates (GRBA) and Ridout and Maybee LLP (R&M) are pleased to announce that R&M is assuming responsibility for the files of GRBA and care of its clients, as of today.

GRBA was founded in 1969 by the late Ronald Bell with the goal of delivering excellent patent and trademark services for its clients. It achieved and exceeded this goal for almost 50 years. R&M is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year as an internationally recognized Canadian based IP law firm. Providing superior service to his clients was very important to Mr. Bell. After careful thought and consideration by the family of and advisors to GRBA, we felt that R&M is the right firm to continue with Mr. Bell's tradition of delivering high quality patent and trademark services to GRBA's clients. We encourage you to put your trust in their hands as you did Mr. Bell. This is based not only on R&M's reputation and depth of expertise in intellectual property matters, but also old professional friendships between Mr. Bell and partners of R&M that were developed both here in Canada and back in the UK.

In light of these developments, we would ask that you please correspond by email for any GRBA matter to bell@rldoutmaybee.com and rest assured that your files are and will be handled with the same care and attention as they always have been. A further announcement will follow but, in the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Marcus Gallie (mgallie@ridoutmaybee.com), who will be overseeing the management of the client transition.

GRBA sincerely thanks you for your loyalty and support over the years.

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