PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS Section 45(1) of the Indian Copyright Act provides as follows:

"The author or publisher of, or the owner of or other person interested in the copyright in, any work may make an application in the prescribed form accompanied by the prescribed fee to the Registrar of Copyrights for entering particulars of the work in the Register of Copyrights:

Provided that in respect of an artistic work which is used or is capable of being used in relation to any goods, the application shall include a statement to that effect and shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Registrar of Trade Marks referred to in section 4 of the Trade and Merchandise Marks Act, 1958 (43 of 1958), to the effect that no trade mark identical with or deceptively similar to such artistic work has been registered under that Act in the name of, or that no application has been made under that Act for such registration by, any person other than the applicant."

AND WHEREAS Rule 24 of the Trade Marks Rules, 2002 read with Form TM-60 and TM-72 empowers the Registrar of Trade Marks to cause a search to be made in the Register of Trade Marks to ascertain whether any mark is on record which resembles the
artistic work in respect of which issuance of copyright certificate is sought from the Registrar of Trade Marks

AND WHEREAS Rule 8( c) provides that the issuance of such search report and certificate in form TM-60 and TM-72 shall be filed and be issued from the Head Registry at Mumbai until the Registrar after informing the public in the Trade Marks Journal directs otherwise;

NOW THEREFORE Notice is hereby given accordingly that with effect from 1st April, 2009 request for search and issuance of copyright certificate in form TM-60 and TM-72 shall henceforth may be filed at the appropriate office of the Trade Marks Registry at Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Ahmedabad as the case may be. The same will be examined and disposed off by the respective offices.

(P.H.Kurian)
Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks