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Dear Mr Iwai,

Thank you for your letter. I would like to inform you that all relief measures for applicants and/or their representatives who are unable to follow any necessary procedures related to applications or appeal trials concerning industrial property in connection with the catastrophic natural disaster are taken by the Estonian Patent Office. Please accept our deepest condolences.

The measures taken are as follows. From the point of view of the Estonian Patent Office the catastrophic earthquake and following tsunami together with the accident in the Fukushima power plant is the force majeure for proceeding the applications for industrial property protection. It means accounting terms in proceeding the applications according the patent, utility model, industrial design, trademark laws and also the law for applying the convention for granting European patents if the applicant provides proof on the existence of the obstacle and takes all necessary steps within two months after the vanishing of the obstacle and pays the necessary fee.

In common requirement for restoring the applications proceeding concerning inventions can be presented within 1 year and for the trademarks within 6 months from the date of interrupted procedure.

Best regards,

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