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Dear Mr. Pink:

**Re: Law Society of British Columbia indemnification program and professional liability indemnity policy (the “Policy”)**

You have asked me to confirm that the Policy satisfies the professional liability insurance requirements set out in s. 55.1 of College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents’ proposed by-law. As we interpret it, the Policy satisfies these requirements.

The BC Lawyers Indemnity Association (“BCLIA”), a BC-licensed, wholly-owned subsidiary of the Law Society of BC, is the indemnitor of the Policy. The Policy applies to errors occurring anywhere in the world. BCLIA has a duty to defend claims brought against a covered lawyer within Canada or the US, and the right to defend or reimburse the covered lawyer for the reasonable cost of claims brought outside of those jurisdictions. Acting as a patent or trademark agent is specifically included as a professional service covered by the Policy, provided that the services and the related appointment or retainer is connected and incidental to the lawyer’s practice of law. Finally, the Policy has a limit of \$1 million per error, an annual aggregate limit of \$2 million, and no profession-wide limit.

There are terms and conditions in the Policy that may limit or preclude coverage in respect of any particular claim or potential claim. In addition, the applicability of coverage will depend upon the circumstances of the claim, the allegations advanced, and the terms and conditions of the indemnity policy in effect at the time the claim is

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reported. That said, we do not at present anticipate narrowing the scope of coverage from the broad terms we've described above.

We trust this suffices for your purposes, and invite you to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SF' with a stylized flourish.

Susan Forbes, QC  
Chief Operating Officer

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