

National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka

Selection of a Consultancy Firm to Provide Services for the Project on Accession to Madrid Protocol

Expression of Interest (EOI)

National Intellectual Property Office (NIPO), established under the Intellectual Property Act, No. 36 of 2003 is mandated with the tasks of registration of trademarks, industrial designs and patents, and protection of rights related to copyright. Presently applicants of trademarks or service marks who submit their applications to NIPO seeking registration do not have the facility to obtain international registration through NIPO within the existing legal framework.

Accession by the Government of Sri Lanka to the Madrid Protocol administered by WIPO, a specialized agency of the United Nations Organization (UNO) for Intellectual Property services, policy information and cooperation would offer trademark or service mark applicants to secure protection for their marks in multiple jurisdictions. Applicants are accordingly required to file one single application, and pay one set of fees to obtain international registration in multiple jurisdictions which are signatories to the Madrid System.

Having taken into consideration the proposals made by the business community and the exporters, the Government of Sri Lanka has now taken a policy decision to accede to the Madrid Protocol. The activities in this respect have already been initiated by NIPO during 2016. It is envisioned to complete the tasks of appointing an accession team to attend to the work prior to acceding the Madrid Protocol, by proposing suitable draft amendments to existing trademark laws to be in line with the provisions in the Madrid Protocol, modernization of information technology systems and upgrading of the automated systems and compilation of

documents to deposit to ratify the Madrid Protocol. Accordingly, NIPO is in the process of obtaining the services of suitable human resources to carry out the work at NIPO through external service providers

National Intellectual Property Office invites the competent companies to submit their Expression of Interest for the supply of aforesaid service along with the details of the company profile including appropriate skills, requisite competency of their staff, the practice and expertise in similar activities. The company which will be selected for this purpose is anticipated to supply human resources who are capable of providing services described, in respect of the Project on Accession to the Madrid Protocol.

Expression of Interest including all the required information could be sent by post or delivered before 2017. 01. 05 indicating "Project on Accession to the Madrid protocol" on the top left hand corner of the envelope. The specimen format can be downloaded from National Intellectual Property office website "www.nipos.gov.lk." Details in respect of the Madrid Protocol can be obtained from the website of WIPO "www.wipo.int." For further information please contact the Accountant – National Intellectual Property Office, on the number given below.

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