MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY FIVE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF INTERLEGAL HELD ON 11 APRIL 2023 BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present: Gabriele Brand-Ogris – *President*

Uday Ahlawat – *Vice President* Alexandre Dupont – *Past President*

Jim Wright - Treasurer

Steffen Lorscheider – Secretary

Attendance: Colin Russell – Officer

Jurij Benn - Tax Adviser, Holenstein Brusa Ltd

<u>No. Agenda Item</u> <u>Action</u>

I. <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>

None.

II. FINANCE AND TAX

Tax

Dr Jurij Benn joined the first part of the meeting to provide his initial comments relating to the tax position of Interlegal and specifically with regard to the difficulties experienced for Interlegal members in making payments to Interlegal without having a tax registration number to quote.

Dr Benn provided some initial comments and suggestion as to the best way forward but committed to providing a formal written response in April.

His initial comments were as follows:

- Interlegal should register voluntarily with tax authorities in Switzerland with effect from 2017 and provide accounts.
- Any outstanding tax should be settled this should be minimal and penalties are not expected due to the nature of the voluntary registration.
- Interlegal should consider moving its seat from

Geneva to Zug as this will be more expedient for this process in the future.

 A tax return together with accounts should be provided annually going forward.

The Executive Committee will consider next steps following receipt of Dr Benn's report.

All

<u>Finance</u>

Approval was given for the May membership invoices to be sent to members, which the Officer will support.

Jim/ Colin

Jim mentioned that attention will need to be paid to finances over the coming year in case of potential reductions in income due to fewer paying members.

Jim

III. MARKETING

Following the decision to pause the appointment of a Marketing Officer, it was agreed that the President would communicate this to the current candidate, Sally Edwards, together with the rationale for this decision.

Gabriele

IV. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Registration reminder to be sent to members.

Colin

Up to date registration list to be obtained from Kurt & Partners.

Colin

Follow-up email to be sent to members about membership policy on GA attendance using updated agreed text.

Gabriele

V. NEW MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS

The Officer circulated an overview about the current status of new enquiries prior to the meeting. Enquiry levels remain high.

Colin

VI. <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>

The date of the next meeting to be confirmed for April following receipt of advice from Dr Benn.

Suggestions for the agenda should be circulated to the President at least 7 days before the meeting and copied to the Secretary.

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Steffen Lorscheider Secretary

5 May 2023