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Application for Transfer of ISO/IEC JTC 1 PAS Submitter Status from UPnP Implementers Corporation to UPnP Forum

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UPnP Implementers Corporation (UIC) respectfully requests that its status as a submitter of Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) to ISO/IEC JTC 1 be transferred to UPnP Forum, and offers the following explanation of the reasons for the request.

As JTC 1 is aware based on our original PAS application, UIC and UPnP Forum have been "sister" organizations since establishment of UIC in 2001. UPnP Forum, an unincorporated association founded in 1999, developed UPnP specifications, while UIC has held the joint copyright in the UPnP specifications on behalf of UPnP Forum and administered the UPnP certification and logo program. ISO/IEC JTC 1 PAS Submitter Status has been held by UIC rather than by UPnP Forum because of UIC's nature as an incorporated entity and because UIC has held the copyright in UPnP specifications.

After several years of careful consideration, the members of both UPnP Forum and UIC determined that it would be best to reorganize and consolidate all of their functions into a single entity. Earlier this year, UPnP Forum was incorporated as an Oregon non-profit corporation. The powers and responsibilities of the Steering Committee of the unincorporated UPnP Forum were transferred to the Board of Directors of the newly incorporated UPnP Forum. All Members of UPnP Forum became members of the incorporated Forum, and all of the standards development structure and processes were transferred to the incorporated Forum. Finally, effective August 1, 2009, the assets and responsibilities of UPnP Implementers Corporation were transferred to UPnP Forum, and all Members of UIC became Implementer Level members of UPnP Forum. Thus, all functions previously performed by the separate unincorporated UPnP Forum and UIC are now performed by the incorporated UPnP Forum, including both the development of UPnP specifications and the holding of copyrights.

No modifications were made to the standards development processes of UPnP Forum as a result of this change in organization. All representations and commitments previously made by UIC in its PAS Submitter Application to JTC 1 regarding scope, cooperative stance, commitment to working agreements, ongoing maintenance, intellectual property rights, distribution and trademark rights, etc., continue to be valid and are assumed by UPnP Forum. Work is being actively pursued on many additional UPnP specifications which UPnP Forum desires to submit for transposition during the current five year PAS submission period previously approved and announced in JTC001-N-9234.

UPnP Forum and UPnP Implementers Corporation now therefore request that JTC 1 transfer the existing PAS Submitter Status of UPnP Implementers Corporation to UPnP Forum for the remainder of the current five year period expiring in August, 2013.

UPnP Forum appreciates the successful working relationship enjoyed with the members of JTC 1 and participants in the work of JTC 1 SC 25, and look forward to continuing that success in the future.