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# Crowell & Moring's Brussels Office Elects New Partner and Welcomes the Appointment of a New Senior Counsel

**Brussels, Belgium – February 09, 2015:** Crowell & Moring LLP is pleased to announce the promotion of Jan-Diederik Lindemans to partner in the firm's Litigation and Trial and Intellectual Property groups. Mr. Lindemans' promotion coincides with the recent arrival of Brussels-based Geert Bogaert to the firm's Dispute Resolution team as senior counsel.

"Jan-Diederik's promotion and the addition of Geert reinforces the strength and breadth of experience that our Brussels office offers and demonstrates our continued investment to providing first class counseling services," said Kristof Roox, partner and head of Crowell & Moring's Brussels office.

Jan-Diederik's practice focuses on helping clients manage and protect their trade secrets, and intellectual property rights in connection to technology, innovation and creativity driven industries. His expertise particularly focuses on representing clients in matters related to intellectual property-portfolios, commercial disputes, distribution, counterfeiting, search and seizures, and EU-wide or national border measures. Although mostly known as an experienced intellectual property litigator, Mr. Lindemans also frequently assists clients in intellectual property driven transactions.

Jan-Diederik's thought-leadership with respect to trade secret protection and enforcement, pre-trial discovery, recovery of lawyer fees, and many other intellectual property related issues, is expressed in various (inter)national publications. He is also regularly invited to share his views at seminars and conferences.

A graduate of the Catholic University of Leuven, Mr Lindemans joined Crowell & Moring over a decade ago having begun his career at a Belgian media and entertainment boutique firm. He has more recently completed a post-academic course in biotechnology at the State University of Ghent which further reinforces his credentials with expertise in this field.

Geert Bogaert, a highly-regarded figure in the Brussels legal community and amongst Belgian industry brings to the firm thirty-five years of experience in commercial law and advising Belgian and international clients in the automotive sector. Geert is a trusted advisor to many companies in the automotive manufacturing and importing industry, where he advises in dealership related litigation, product liability, network reorganizations, and the drafting of distribution, franchising, technology, intellectual property, and other contracts. Geert joins Crowell & Moring from Loyens & Loeff, where he headed the litigation and commercial law practice and was in charge of its automotive team.

"I have known Kristof Roox for a number of years and hold him in the highest regard. I am very excited about this opportunity to draw on my experience while collaborating with him and the team at Crowell & Moring. This transition is meaningful to me, my clients, and my network of contacts," said Bogaert.

The firm's Brussels office provides a broad range of litigation, transactional, counseling, arbitration, and regulatory capabilities. The office has a strong domestic, European, and transatlantic practice, with clients ranging from local SMEs to the world's largest multinational corporations with operations in the European Union. The Brussels lawyers focus on antitrust/competition, intellectual property, international trade and customs (including WTO law), telecommunications, media and technology, top-level domains and domain names, corporate and commercial, labor and employment, consumer protection and unfair competition, pharmaceutical law/life sciences, privacy and data protection, advertising and product risk management, environmental, energy, and chemical law.

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