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Press release

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CMS DeBacker appoints Renaud Dupont as Partner

Renaud Dupont, who joined CMS DeBacker in 2000, has been appointed as a Partner with the firm. His appointment further strengthens the IP/IT team of the Commercial Law department of CMS DeBacker, which now includes 11 lawyers following significant growth during the last few years.

Renaud earned his Law degree at the University of Liege (ULG) in 1997 and attended postgraduate courses in IP and IT law at the University of Leuven (KUL) in 1998. He was admitted to the Brussels Bar in 1998 and has since specialized in intellectual property, information technology, distribution and consumer protection – including litigation, advising on non-litigious matters and assisting in the negotiating and drafting of agreements and transactions.

Renaud is a member of the Belgian Copyright Association (A.B.D.A.), of the "Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle" (A.I.P.P.I) and of the Benelux trade mark association B.M.M. Renaud is a member of the Belgian Internet Observatory and is an arbitrator for .be domain name ADR.

Renaud was a lecturer at University of Liège (2000-2004) and is a regular speaker at national and international conferences including A.I.P.P.I. and the Benelux Trade Mark Association B.M.M. Renaud has also published several articles in specialized law journals.

Regarding Renaud's appointment, **Stanislas van Wassenhove**, Managing Partner of CMS DeBacker, said:

"Renaud Dupont's appointment is excellent for our IP/IT team. Over the years, he's gained a broad experience in various intellectual property matters. CMS DeBacker is recognised as an expert in copyright and trade mark cases, with a particular focus on international and national trade mark litigation. The firm also assists many national and international patent owners, and Renaud has taken part in high profile patent cases."

"The appointment of Renaud as partner follows the hiring of 3 new partners earlier this year and confirms the willingness of CMS DeBacker (who won the Belgian Legal Award 2009 "The best firm to work for") to develop strong local expertise in key areas of law, combined with extensive international capability through CMS."

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Note to the editor

About CMS DeBacker

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