

# **EXHIBIT 8**

# Service of Judicial Documents in Germany

This information is not being offered as "legal advice" or "legal opinion"

Germany, the United States and Canada are all signatories to the Hague Service Convention. The German government has declared and deemed this method to be the exclusive method of service to be used in Germany. The German government has considered any private attempt to serve process on a German citizen, outside use of the Hague Service Convention, an attack on their judicial sovereignty and indicates service outside the Convention upon German citizens "will not be effected". In addition, U.S. Appellate Courts have quashed services outside service through one of the designated Central Authorities in Germany, including one California court that quashed private service upon AN AMERICAN. The **basic** information for service in accordance with the Hague Service Convention is as follows:

1. Germany has declared that translation of the documents into German is mandatory. This includes any exhibits or attachments. In addition, when the certificate of service is returned, it will be in German and will need to be translated to English for filing with the court. Translation through our office is at a rate of US\$65 per page (based upon a standard 250 word pleading page). Exhibits and attachments are priced upon viewing. If your office provides the translation, please make sure the translation is accurate (German authorities will often return documents unserved due to inaccuracies in the translation).
2. All German authorities **require** an order authorizing an entity to request service (Crowe Foreign Services). We will prepare the order, with requisite text, and forward to you for your local court's execution. However, due to the fact that Canadian courts will not issue such an order, we are able to circumvent this requirement for CANADIAN CASES.
3. The amount of time, from start to finish, will normally take 2-3 months and **requests for expedited service are not acknowledged by the judicial authorities in Germany.**
4. Because of the time involved, we provide an affidavit indicating that the service has been initiated, that we are in compliance with applicable statutes and when we reasonably expect service to be completed, and is **provided at no additional cost.**
5. These procedures **DO NOT APPLY TO EVIDENTIARY DOCUMENTS.** Subpoenas, and any interrogatories\* or other evidence you want to be able to compel the production of, must follow the provisions of the Hague Evidence Convention. Please contact our office for more information (\*interrogatories, etc., included with a Summons and Complaint can be served but the German authorities will not "compel" the return of completed interrogatories).

Our fee to prepare the required documents and facilitate the service, from beginning to end, is **US\$495, per defendant, but does not include translation costs.** This fee applies to each defendant being served. Additional shipping and copy costs are incurred if the documents exceed 75 pages, including translation (a minimum of US\$25 and increased relative to the size of the documents). In addition, you will also be responsible for any judicial expenses invoiced by the German authorities (EXTREMELY rare).

**ALL FEES ARE DUE IN ADVANCE**



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