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FASTTRACK NAMES MICHEL ALLAIN MANAGING DIRECTOR

Chris van Houten Retires

Paris – September 10th, 2013 – FastTrack Board Chairman Hein van der Ree announced today that Michel Allain has been named Managing Director of FastTrack, the global digital copyright network. The appointment is effective immediately.

“Michel Allain’s career combines substantial experience in software development, strategic planning, and enterprise information systems at a global scale” said van der Ree. “This unique set of competencies, combined with more than ten year’s experience in copyright management at SACEM, provides FastTrack with a leadership capability that will be crucial to meeting the new challenges the copyright community faces in the digital age. The entire FastTrack Board joins me in welcoming Michel to his new post.”

Prior to joining FastTrack, Allain served for eleven years as CIO and Strategic Project Director at SACEM, the French Copyright Society, which was a founding member of FastTrack. He also served in senior information technology positions at Daimler Chrysler and SODEXO, the leading global services company. Allain will direct the Paris-based FastTrack staff, and oversee operations that encompass the world’s largest database of musical and audio-visual works information, covering over 66 million works administered by 93 Copyright Societies.

The appointment coincides with the retirement of Chris van Houten, who has served as FastTrack Director General since the organization’s founding in 2000. In acknowledging van Houten’s 13 years as FastTrack Director General, van der Ree said “On behalf of the FastTrack Board of Directors, and his many colleagues in the FastTrack network around the globe, we extend our sincere thanks to Chris Van Houten for his dedicated leadership over FastTrack’s first 13 years. His diligence and steadfast dedication to FastTrack’s collaborative philosophy ensured the strategic vision that has guided this massive international project for 13 years.”

About FastTrack

FastTrack SAS is a global technical alliance among 12 Music Copyright Shareholder societies in 11 countries (8 in Europe, 1 in Canada and 2 in the United States). FastTrack allows its Shareholder societies to share data on copyright documentation for musical and audio-visual works, and to streamline internal operations.

FastTrack also provides the FastTrack architecture to all CISAC (the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers) member societies, through CIS-Net powered by FastTrack, allowing CISAC member societies to perform real-time searches on information available anywhere in the world, at any time of the day. CIS-Net now provides access to approximately 66 million works to its users.