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CREATIVE COMMONS LICENSES OFFERED IN CHILE

Silicon-Valley-based NGO reinforces its activities around the globe

San Francisco, CA, USA and Berlin, GERMANY — July 1, 2005 — Creative Commons, a nonprofit organization dedicated to building a body of creative work free to share and build upon, announced today the launch of the Creative Commons project in Chile.

Creative Commons copyright licenses are available free of charge from the group's website (http://creativecommons.org). The licenses allow authors and artists to mark their works as free to copy or transform under certain conditions—to declare "some rights reserved," in contrast to the traditional "all rights reserved"—thereby enabling others to access a growing pool of raw materials without legal friction.

In a collaborative effort between the University of Chile and the Chilean NGO Corporacion Derechos Digitales (CDD), Creative Commons Chile adapted the licenses for use under Chilean law—a process headed by project leads Professor Alberto Cerda Silva, Gabriela Oruzar and Claudio Ruiz.

"We hope to encourage discussion about the relevance and convenience of a balanced copyright for the artistic creations," says Claudio Ruiz. "In our developing countries, the discussion about copyright and its limitations and exemptions must be part of the public agenda."

About the University of Chile and the Corporacion Derechos Digitales (CDD)

The University of Chile is, with its 162 years of existence, the oldest national university in Chile. It consists of 14 Schools and 4 Interdisciplinary Institutes. Research and creation of new knowledge is a main focus of this leading institution.

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CDD is a Chilean NGO founded in 2003. It is an independent, non-profit organization, located in Santiago de Chile, whose mission is to promote the respect and protection of human rights in the digital environment. Its volunteer members, from a wide range of professions related to information technologies, focus on subjects like protection of privacy or legal aspects on the use and development of free software.



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About Creative Commons

A nonprofit corporation founded in 2001, Creative Commons promotes the creative re-use of intellectual and artistic works—whether owned or in the public domain—by empowering authors and audiences. It is sustained by the generous support of the Center for the Public Domain, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Omidyar Network Fund, and the Hewlett Foundation.

For general information, visit http://creativecommons.org.

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