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CREATIVE COMMONS LICENSES OFFERED IN DENMARK

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Creative Commons, a nonprofit organization that provides flexible copyright licenses for authors and artists, unveiled a localized version of its innovative licensing system in Denmark on Saturday.

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 creative materials without legal friction.

Staff at Creative Commons' offices in San Francisco and Berlin worked with Project Leads Thomas Riis and Jan Trzaskowski to adapt the standardized licenses to Danish law. Creative Commons Denmark are supported by the Law Department of Copenhagen Business School.

On June 10, the Danish versions of the Creative Commons licenses were launched in Copenhagen at a ceremony held in Politikens Foredragssal. At the event, hosted by Copenhagen Business School, Professor Lawrence Lessig (Chairman and CEO of Creative Commons) gave the keynote address. The ceremony was sponsored by Copenhagen Business School, Bender von Haller Dragsted law firm (www.bvhd.dk) and IBM Denmark (www.ibm.dk).

Says Dr. Thomas Riis, “The Creative Commons licenses will benefit the cultural life in Denmark. Creators and users of everything from music, weblogs and homepages to paintings and books will profit from the licenses.” Dr. Jan Trzaskowski adds that “the licenses make it much easier and faster to exchange creative works, which falls perfectly in line with the vibrant cultural life in today's Denmark”.

About Copenhagen Business School

Copenhagen Business School (CBS) has around 14,000 students and an annual intake of around 1,000 exchange students. With this number of students as well as around 400 full-time researchers and around 500 administrative employees, CBS is the one of the 3 largest business schools in Northern Europe. The Law Department's aim is to maintain, develop and present research of a high standard within the field of commercial law. Commercial law is



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subject to research together with other faculty activities. For general information, visit <http://www.cbs.dk>

About Creative Commons

Creative Commons is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 2001, that promotes the creative re-use of intellectual and artistic works—whether owned or in the public domain. Creative Commons licences provide a flexible range of protections and freedoms for authors, artists, and educators that build upon the "all rights reserved" concept of traditional copyright to offer a voluntary "some rights reserved" approach. It is sustained by the generous support of various foundations including the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Omidyar Network Fund, the Hewlett Foundation, and the Rockefeller Foundation as well as members of the public. For general information, visit <http://creativecommons.org>

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