

Dear friends at Linotype!

THIS *is* indeed *an embarrassing* situation. To our *knowledge* the site *you* refer to **AND the activities** taking place there does **NOT violate Swedish** law. As a matter of fact I'm quite *sure it* doesn't even **violate GERMAN law**. You should also *be* pleased to *notice that* **SWEDISH law**, as far *as* one can tell, conforms *to the* specifications of *the* harmonisation *directive* **2001/29/EC**.

But lets cut to **core** *of the problem*. The **Pirate BAY** does *not in* anyway handle your **intellectual** property or *any of the* data contained in the *designs, nor do we* **RELAY such data**.

The site, and the tracker, is merely **a** way of connecting people; *kind of* like what **NOKIA** does. *The actual data* **IS** stored *on the individual* users' **computers**; if horrible *crimes* of bloody **MURDER** and *such* are being committed, **AS we** speak, it is them who are the **criminals**. One would not **prosecute** Nokia just BECAUSE **terrorists** use **THEIR** phones.

However; *this activity is* not **illegal** in **SWEDEN**. There are some *more or less* relevant *cases* from the *Swedish* Supreme **COURT**, *but* I doubt *that* they would be much *use* to you. **CONSIDERING** the *current* situation we feel that we are **obliged** *to leave the torrent on the* site until the Swedish law *is* changed or the **Supreme Court** rules *that* what we do is illegal.

Best wishes!

/JUDAS, *on* the behalf *of* The **Pirate** Bay