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PCT Minimum Documentation: Inclusion of Indian Traditional Knowledge Digital Library

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# About the Indian Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL)

1. The Indian Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL), a digital documentation, the first of its kind, created by the Government of India, of the Indian traditional knowledge relating to Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Yoga, in five international languages (English, German, French, Japanese and Spanish) is currently subscribed for patent search by the major patent offices across the world. The TKDL acts as a bridge between the documented traditional knowledge (prior-art) existing in local languages (Hindi, Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian, Urdu etc.) and the patent examiners. TKDL uses an innovative classification system i.e. Traditional Knowledge Resource Classification (TKRC) which led to addition of a new main group in the International Patent Classification (IPC), i.e. A61K 36/00, with 207 subgroups covering different categories of plants. The TKDL provides information on traditional knowledge existing in India, in languages and format understandable to examiners at international patent offices, so as to prevent the grant of wrong patents.

# Proposal by India for inclusion of TKDL in the PCT Minimum Documentation

1. At its twenty‑second session, the Meeting of International Authorities (MIA) supported in principle a proposal (document PCT/MIA/22/8) by the Indian Patent Office to add the Indian Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) to the PCT minimum documentation. Some Authorities had raised concerns regarding certain clauses of the TKDL Access Agreement (Annex II to PCT/MIA/22/8). The discussions are summarized in paragraphs 66 to 69 of the Summary by the Chair of the session (document PCT/MIA/22/22).
2. During the twenty‑third session of MIA held in January 2016, the Government of India indicated that it was willing to revise the Access Agreement to address legitimate concerns in the draft access agreement. The Government of India further proposed (document PCT/MIA/23/10) that the Meeting approve the addition of the Indian TKDL to the PCT minimum documentation, subject to the terms of the Access Agreement being suitably modified after due consultation. The discussions at this session are set out in paragraphs 64 to 85 of the Summary by the Chair (document PCT/MIA/23/14). The Indian Patent Office was invited to present a Revised Access Agreement along with a working document setting out its proposals with regard to the inclusion of the Indian TKDL in the PCT minimum documentation, taking into account the discussions in the MIA, the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force and the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC).

# Revised TKDL Access Agreement and Working Document

1. India has now revised the TKDL Access Agreement, as set out in Annex I to this document. The major changes in the Access Agreement are as follows:

• assuring uninterrupted access to TKDL except for reasons beyond the control of the Provider (CSIR) like *force majeure* and stipulating the condition for termination as material breach by either party;

• removal of the clause that mandates quarterly reports on usage of TKDL citations by patent offices;

• clarifying further that the relevant contents of TKDL could be communicated to all parties involved in the patent grant procedure; and

• increasing the period of subscription from three to five years with facility for auto-renewal.

1. The Indian Patent Office has also prepared a detailed working document (set out in Annex II to this document) for consideration by the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force while establishing criteria for inclusion of items in the PCT Minimum Documentation. The Working Document and the Revised Access Agreement address the concerns on certain clauses of the Access Agreement raised by some Authorities during the twenty‑second and twenty‑third sessions of the MIA. The clauses in the TKDL Access Agreement are similar to the clauses of agreements of publishers of other items of non-patent literature already included in the PCT minimum documentation. As a valuable and substantial collection of data relating to traditional knowledge, the addition of TKDL to the PCT minimum documentation would certainly enhance the quality of international work products. Since an outcome from the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force for establishing criteria could be delayed, the Indian Patent Office requests all Authorities to consider formal inclusion of the Indian TKDL in the PCT minimum documentation pending study by the Task Force.
2. *The Meeting is invited to:*
	* 1. *consider the revised Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) Access Agreement, set out in Annex I to this document;*
		2. *note the contents of the working document for the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force, set out in Annex II to this document; and*
		3. *agree that the Indian Traditional Knowledge Digital Library be added to the PCT minimum documentation.*

[Annexes follow]

**Traditional Knowledge Digital Library**

**(TKDL)**

**Access Agreement**

This Agreement is made on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20----- between Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 having its registered office at Anusandhan Bhawan, 2 Rafi Marg, New Delhi – 110 001 [hereinafter called the “Provider”].

And the , which is an Office concerned with Patent Search & Examination having its registered office at , hereinafter called the “User”. (hereinafter collectively called ‘parties’ or ‘either party’)

 Whereas Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) has been jointly developed by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (called CSIR) and Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (called AYUSH), Government of India and is a proprietary and original database.

 Whereas CSIR which is the provider of TKDL, is the sole owner of the TKDL proprietary and original database and is the implementing agency of TKDL on behalf of Government of India.

 Whereas TKDL is a database in five international languages (English, French, German, Spanish and Japanese), which converts Indian Traditional Knowledge (Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Yoga, etc.) from existing *prior art*, traditional knowledge formulations or know-how available in Hindi, Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian, Urdu, Tamil, etc. to five international languages.

 Whereas TKDL contains images of Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha formulations and Yoga practices with an objective to protect Indian Traditional Knowledge already available in public domain.

 Whereas TKDL is a bridge between ancient texts in Hindi, Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian, Urdu, Tamil, etc. (existing *Prior Art*) and Patent Examiner at a global level and provides information on modern as well as local names in a language and format understandable to Patent Examiners.

 Whereas the Government of India has duly authorized the Provider to execute this Agreement.

 And Whereas the User has expressed its interest to get access to TKDL for the purpose of all phases of the patent grant procedure.

Now therefore, this Agreement witnesses as follows:-

1. The Provider hereby grants to the User full access to the TKDL database for a period of 5 years as from signature of this Agreement by both parties for the purposes of patent grant procedures by the User
2. It is hereby agreed and declared between the parties that aforesaid access is on a non-exclusive basis and is subject to the following conditions:-

 **(a) Responsibilities of the Provider**

1. The Provider shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure uninterrupted online access and continuous availability of TKDL to authorized users in accordance with this agreement except in cases beyond the control of the Provider or any force majeure.
2. The Provider shall provide training to the User to use TKDL tools for search and examination as and when needed; the cost, if any, of such training has to be borne by the User.
3. The Provider shall render online assistance in using TKDL for search and examination, as and when needed by the User.
4. The Provider shall remain free to grant access of TKDL to any other parties, including other patent offices, on a non-exclusive basis.

 **(b) Responsibilities and Obligations of the User**

1. The User shall use TKDL information only for the purposes of the patent grant procedure in all its phases including the inspection of files and for no other purpose.
2. The User shall, whenever required, deliver only that information from TKDL contents which is relevant for the purposes of citation in patent grant procedure in all phases including opposition proceedings, to the patent applicant(s) or any other person who is party to such proceedings. The User may, whenever required, deliver only, such relevant information from TKDL contents to other patent offices under any agreement between the User and such offices to share the cited documents of a patent application. Except as mentioned above, the User undertakes to preserve confidentiality of the entire contents of TKDL.
3. Survival of obligations for maintaining the confidentiality of TKDL shall remain even after the termination of this Agreement.

**2. Periodic Review**

The Parties may review the status on access to TKDL as and when required for identifying impediments and issues that may need corrective action.

**3. User Access Details:**

Access details shall be provided by the User as follows as Annex to this Agreement

**IP Address based access**

IP Address Details: (e.g.,**145.64.\*.\*)**

**4. Renewal**

This Agreement shall be renewed further automatically for periods of 5 years each, on completion of the Agreement period, provided the Agreement is not terminated under clause 11 of this agreement.

**5. Severability**

If any covenant or provision of this Agreement is determined to be void or unenforceable in whole or part, then such void or unenforceable provision shall be deleted from this Agreement and shall not affect or impair the enforceability or validity of any other provision of this Agreement or any part thereof.

**6. Modification**

Any provision of this Agreement can be modified only with the express consent of both parties in writing signed and acknowledged by both parties thereof.

**7. Supersession**

 This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes all other express or implied agreements between the parties in this regard.

**8. Waiver**

 No delay, indulgence or failure to act by either party regarding any particular default or omission of the other party shall affect or impair any rights or remedies regarding that or any subsequent default or omission unless it is waived in writing.

**9. Settlement of disputes**

Any dispute, which may arise in connection with the implementation, interpretation or application of this Agreement, will be settled amicably between the Parties through mutual consultations.

**10. Disclaimer**

 (i) The Parties reserve all rights as regards their confidential information and no rights or obligations other than those expressly written herein are granted or implied by this Agreement.

 (ii) The information contained in TKDL has been compiled on best effort basis; the Provider of the database shall therefore not be held responsible for any inadvertent error in the content of TKDL.

 (iii) Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the rights and obligations relating to any prior art, traditional knowledge formulations or know how which are not listed in the TKDL since it does not claim to be exhaustive in its coverage.

**11.** **Termination**

(i) Either party may terminate this Agreement if the other party materially breaches its obligations under this Agreement and fails to cure such material breach, provided that the non-breaching party shall give written notice of its intention to terminate and shall allow the breaching party 15 days after receipt of such notice to remedy the breach.

(ii) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (i) above, failure of either party to discharge any obligation or perform as per the terms or conditions of this Agreement as a result of conditions beyond its control such as but not limited to, war, strikes, fires, floods, government restrictions, acts of terrorism, public health emergencies, power failure or damages to or destruction of any network facilities or servers, shall not be deemed a breach of this Agreement.

**12.** **Execution Authority**

The persons whose signatures appear below certify that they are authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom they sign.

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| User | Provider |
| For --------------------------(name of user)Signature .Name of signatory:Designation:*In presence of witness**Signature --------------------------**1.**Signature --------------------------**2.* | For ----------------------(name of Provider)Signature .Name of signatory:Designation:*In presence of witness**Signature --------------------------**1.**Signature --------------------------**2.* |

[Annex II follows]

**Working document on inclusion of Indian Traditional Knowledge Digital Library in the PCT Minimum Documentation**

* **Presented by the Indian Patent Office to the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force.**

This document sets out proposals from the Indian Patent Office with regard to the inclusion of the Indian Traditional Knowledge Digital Library into the PCT minimum documentation, taking into account previous discussions in the Meeting of International Authorities, the Task Force on PCT Minimum Documentation and the WIPO’s Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore.

1. **About Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL)**

TKDL is a digital documentation, created by the Government of India, of the Indian traditional knowledge related to Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Yoga, in five international languages which are English, German, French, Japanese and Spanish. It provides information on traditional knowledge existing in the country, in languages and format understood by patent examiners at Patent Offices across the globe, so as to prevent the grant of wrong patents. TKDL thus, acts as a bridge between the traditional knowledge information existing in local languages and the patent examiners.

Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) is an initiative of India to prevent misappropriation of country’s traditional medicinal knowledge on which healthcare needs and livelihood of millions of people in India are dependent. Its genesis dates back to the Indian effort on revocation of a patent on wound healing properties of turmeric at the USPTO. It was estimated by TKDL expert group that there was high probability that wrong patents concerning Indian systems of medicine were being granted every year at international level, mainly due to the fact that India’s traditional medicinal knowledge which exists in local languages such as Sanskrit, Hindi, Arabic, Urdu, Tamil etc. is neither accessible nor comprehensible for patent examiners at the international patent offices.

1. **Format and contents of the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library**

The TKDL is available in two versions:

(a) A public search facility available at http:/tkdl.res.in shows the general scope of the system, allowing advanced Boolean search of a limited, representative database of 1200 traditional medicinal formulations, using keywords, IPC codes, more detailed (TKRC) codes, titles, bibliographic information or disease names. The results are shown as a summary of the matching formulations in the chosen one of the five interface languages (English, French, German, Japanese and Spanish).

(b) A full search facility is open to patent Offices under a TKDL (Non-disclosure) Access Agreement, (Annex I). This offers access to the full database, at present consisting of 0.297 million traditional medicinal formulations, including scanned images of relevant prior-art existing in the original traditional literature. The full search facility is available through a dedicated web interface with access controlled by IP address(es) notified by each Office in its access agreement.

1. **Classification Systems of TKDL – TKRC and the IPC**

A presentation on Traditional Knowledge Resource Classification (TKRC) of TKDL to the International Patent Classification (IPC) Union led to the creation of a WIPO-TK Task Force, consisting of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the State Intellectual Property Office of China (SIPO) and the Indian Patent Office (IPO), the aim of which was to enhance the subgroups in IPC for classifying the TK related subject matter and to consider the linking of the TKRC with the IPC. In February 2002, a Committee of Experts recommended the inclusion of approximately 200 subgroups on TK against the existing one subgroup on medical plants, and linking of the TKRC to the IPC and thus, a new main group was included in the IPC, i.e. A61K 36/00, with 207 subgroups covering different categories of plants, as shown below:

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| **S.NO** | **IPC Codes**  | **IPC Categories**  | **No. of Subgroups in IPC** |
| 1. | Algae | A61K 36/02 to 36/05 | 4 |
| 2. | Fungi & Lichens | A61K 36/06 to 36/09 | 10 |
| 3. | Bryophyta | A61K 36/10 | 1 |
| 4. | Pteridophytes | A61K 36/11 to 36/126 | 3 |
| 5. | Gynosperms | A61K 36/13 to 36/17 | 5 |
| 6. | Angiosperms | A61K 36/18 | 1 |
| 7. | Dicotyledons | A61K 36/185 to 36/87 | 148 |
| 8. | Monocotyledons | A61K 36/88 to 36/9068 | 35 |
| **Total number of Subgroups** | **207** |

The TKRC has evolved to include 27,000 subgroups against a single subgroup that was available in earlier version of the IPC, related to medicinal plants, minerals, animals, resources, effects and diseases, methods of preparations, mode of administration, etc. It enables retrieval of data similar to IPC and is available in five International languages, namely, English, French, German, Spanish and Japanese.

1. **Status of transcription of traditional medicinal formulations**

The TKDL project so far has a total of **2,97,183** formulations that have been transcribed and the database represents the contents of 34 million A4-sized pages of original documents. The present status of transcription of the traditional medicine formulations in the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library is given in the following table:

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| **Discipline** | **No of texts (including volumes) used for transcription** | **Transcribed** |
| Ayurveda | 75 books  | 97,337 |
| Unani | 10 books  | 175,150 |
| Siddha | 50 books | 23,016 |
| Yoga | 15 books | 1,680 |
| **Total** | **150 books** | **2,97,183** |
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| TKDL is based on books of Indian Systems of Medicine, which are available in open domain and can be sourced by any individual/organization at national/international level. TKDL acts as a bridge between these books (Prior-art) and International patent examiners. It is the TKDL technology which has created a unique mechanism for a Sanskrit verse to be read in languages like German, Japanese, English, Spanish and French by an examiner at any International Patent Office on the computer screen.  |
| 1. **Access to the TKDL database to international patent offices**

Access to the TKDL database is available to the major international patent offices including the European Patent Office (EPO), the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the German Patent and Trademark Office, the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office, the Japan Patent Office, the IP Australia, the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile, the Indian Patent Office and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office. The access to the TKDL database is provided under a TKDL Access Agreement, permitting use of data only to the extent necessary for patent search and examination. Once included in the PCT Minimum Documentation, access will be provided to all International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities from the effective date of incorporation of the TKDL in the PCT minimum documentation, after signing of TKDL Access Agreement individually by each of the offices.As per the terms and conditions of the Access agreement, examiners of patent office can utilize TKDL for search and examination purposes without revealing the contents of TKDL to any third party unless it is necessary for the purpose of citation. TKDL Access Agreement has in-built safeguards on non-disclosure to protect India’s interest against any possible misuse.  |
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TKDL is maintained and offered for subscription to various patent offices by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), of Ministry of Science and Technology, Government India.

The citation of TKDL references as prior art by the following patent offices have led to significant strides towards achieving the goal of preventing misappropriation of Indian Traditional Knowledge. These actions were possible in few weeks of time and without any cost, whereas Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), India, spent 1 million USD towards legal fees only, for invalidation of few claims of a single wrong patent on Basmati at USPTO.

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| **S.No** | **Patent Office** | **No. of Cases** |
| 1.  | European Patent Office (EPO) | 130 |
| 2.  | United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) | 25 |
| 3.  | Controller General of Patents Designs and Trademarks (CGPDTM) | 20 |
| 4.  | Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) | 37 |
| 5.  | IP Australia (AIPO) | 4 |
| 6.  | United Kingdom Patent & Trademark Office (UKPTO) | 3 |
|  | **Total** | **219** |

1. **PCT Minimum Documentation**

The Patent Cooperation Treaty, the international patent system administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) provides the applicants from member countries, a facility for filing a single international application for grant of a patent in more than 150 countries of the world. It also has the additional benefits of an International Search Report (ISR), and an International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) before entering the national phase in each individual country. The ISR and IPER are established according to high internationally regulated standards, by one of the 22 Patent Offices of the world that have been specially appointed by WIPO to carry out international search and examination. For the purpose of establishing such reports, the ISA/IPEA shall endeavor to discover as much relevant prior art by consulting the PCT Minimum Documentation, which is a large collection of patent and non patent literature, specified by the WIPO. The collection includes patent literature from different patent offices across the world and around 200 journals relating to different fields of technology. Though the PCT Minimum Documentation has few journals relating to traditional knowledge, it does not include any database relating to traditional knowledge.

1. **Proposal to include TKDL in PCT Minimum Documentation**

During the 22nd Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT, held in 2015, India presented a proposal to include TKDL as part of the PCT Minimum Documentation. TKDL is the first TK database being proposed to be included in the PCT Minimum Documentation.

Several Authorities expressed concerns about certain provisions contained in the draft access agreement, notably in relation to the confidentiality and non-disclosure requirements, the necessity to monitor and report statistics on the use of citations from the TKDL, and the implications for an International Searching Authority losing access to the full PCT minimum documentation if the access agreement to the TKDL was terminated under the termination provisions of the draft agreement. The European Patent Office emphasized the importance for Authorities to be able to load the data from the TKDL into its own IT systems. The USPTO stated that if added to the PCT minimum documentation, the TKDL should have the same level of access as other collections in the PCT minimum documentation and should be equally available to the applicant.

1. **Follow up during MIA 2016**

The matter was discussed again during the 23rd Meeting of International Authorities held in 2016 and the relevant part of the Summary is reproduced below:

“(B) ADDITION OF INDIAN TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE DIGITAL LIBRARY

64. Discussions were based on document PCT/MIA/23/10 and a presentation given by the Indian Patent Office as set out in paragraphs 65 to 71.

65. The Indian Patent Office recalled the discussions at the 2015 session of the Meeting, at which concerns had been raised with regard to certain provisions in the draft access agreement, notably in relation to the confidentiality and non-disclosure requirements, the necessity to monitor and report statistics on the use of citations from the TKDL, and the proposed termination provisions and possible implications for an International Searching Authority losing access to the full PCT minimum documentation if the access agreement to the TKDL was terminated under the termination provisions of the draft agreement.

66. With regard to the necessity to monitor and report statistics, upon consideration, the Indian Patent Office no longer wished to maintain such reporting requirement and would modify the draft access agreement accordingly.

67. With regard to the proposed termination provisions and possible implications for an International Searching Authority losing access to the full PCT minimum documentation if the access agreement to the TKDL was terminated under the termination provisions of the draft agreement, it was the view of the Indian Patent Office that those provisions and implications were similar, if not identical, to those applied in respect of non-patent literature where an Authority lost access to such non-patent literature, for example, due to the non-payment of subscription fees. In the view of the Indian Patent Office, the agreements with publishers contained termination clauses that either party could give notice to the other party and the access could be terminated.

68. With regard to the proposed confidentiality and non-disclosure requirements set out in the draft access agreement, the Indian Patent Office recalled that the Meeting, at its tenth session, had decided, as requested by the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, to consider, inter alia, the inclusion in the PCT minimum documentation of traditional knowledge periodicals and databases (document PCT/MIA/10/4). Notably, Annex I to that document listed specific criteria for the addition to the PCT minimum documentation of traditional knowledge periodicals, which had later formed the basis for the addition of 13 of such periodicals to the PCT minimum documentation. Annex II to document PCT/MIA/10/4 provided certain basic criteria of availability that were taken into consideration.

69. At its twelfth session, the Meeting had considered the issue of PCT minimum documentation based on document PCT/MIA/12/6. Annex III of this document contained an initial proposal from the Task Force leader, which listed some criteria for patent literature as well as for periodicals of non-patent literature. Regarding traditional knowledge databases, no criteria were suggested, which was treated under specialized databases. There was therefore a need to develop criteria for the inclusion of databases, including traditional knowledge databases, in the PCT minimum documentation. Unfortunately, work on that latter task had, however, never been taken up by the Task Force and remained outstanding.

70. The Indian Patent Office further stated that discussions on the issue of traditional knowledge databases had further taken place in WIPO’s Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, in the context of its text based negotiations with the objective of reaching an agreement on a text or texts of an international legal instrument which will ensure the effective protection of traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions and genetic resources. Document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/28/5 set out specific draft provisions dealing with the issue of confidentiality of traditional knowledge databases, including, in draft Article 3bis, provisions setting out that Intellectual Property Offices of Member States should ensure that information held in traditional knowledge databases was maintained in confidence, except where the information was cited as prior art during the examination of a patent application. It was recognized, though, that discussions in the IGC continued and that the draft provisions referred to above had not yet been agreed.

71. The Indian Patent Office observed that the TK database was considered a specialized database for which criteria for selection were not yet established and pointed out that the criteria for periodicals could not be applied in the same manner for TK databases. The Indian Patent Office therefore stated that its request for the inclusion of the Indian TKDL, and notably the provisions of its proposed draft access agreement, should be reconsidered against this background and the additional information provided. Since an outcome from the PCT minimum documentation Task Force could be delayed, the Indian Patent Office requested all Authorities to consider provisional inclusion of the Indian TKDL in the PCT minimum documentation pending study by the Task Force.”

1. **Decisions taken by MIA 2016**

The Meeting invited the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force, as a matter of urgency, to recommence its discussions on the addition of databases, including traditional knowledge databases, to the PCT minimum documentation.

The Meeting invited the Indian Patent Office to submit a detailed working document to the Task Force, including a revised draft of the access agreement, setting out its proposals with regard to the inclusion of the Indian TKDL into the PCT minimum documentation, taking into account previous discussions in the Meeting, the Task Force and the IGC, as well as the discussions held at the 23rd session of the Meeting.

The Meeting invited the International Bureau, also in its role as the Task Force leader (after MIA 2017, the USPTO), to closely work with the Indian Patent Office in the coming months with a view to moving the issue forward, where appropriate by means of informal consultations and written communications, such as PCT Circulars, to ensure proper preparation of the discussions at the next session of the Meeting in 2017.

**10. Progress during 24th session of MIA and the tenth session of the PCT Working Group**

**The relevant paragraphs of the Summary of MIA 2017 are as follows:**

“The European Patent Office underlined the need to revise the definition of the PCT minimum documentation for two main reasons. First, the definition needed to take account of digitization of documents that were previously held as paper collections. Second, there might be less need to have documents or abstracts available in English since machine translation tools were readily available to understand the contents, where needed. The European Patent Office defined four objectives in line with the initial mandate and thanked the United States Patent and Trademark Office for offering to lead the fourth objective in the Task Force relating to non-patent literature and prior art databases, including those in the area of traditional knowledge. The European Patent Office looked forward to a successful conclusion of the task in 2019 in line with the proposed timetable.

Authorities stressed the importance of defining the criteria for inclusion in the PCT minimum documentation in a suitable way for the digital age, and thanked the European Patent Office for leading the Task Force and the United States Patent and Trademark Office for leading the objective relating to non-patent literature and prior art databases.

The Indian Patent Office looked forward to participating in the discussions on the Task Force electronic forum, particularly reviewing the criteria for including non-patent literature to take account of the variety of sources and formats of information beyond science and technology periodicals. The Indian Patent Office referred to active discussions taking place in the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore on the protection of traditional knowledge and indicated that it intended to share a revised draft of the access agreement with the Task Force, setting out proposals with regard to the inclusion of the Indian Traditional Knowledge Digital Library in the PCT minimum documentation.”

**The relevant paragraph of the Summary of PCT Working Group 2017 is as follows:**

“The Delegation of India stated that the purpose of including non-patent literature in the PCT minimum documentation was to ensure a comprehensive search. Criteria for inclusion needed to take into account the usefulness of the information, ease of searching, and the source and format beyond standard journal articles. Following agreement in principle by the Meeting of International Authorities to add the Indian Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) to the PCT minimum documentation, the Government of India was currently revising the terms and conditions in the access agreement to the TKDL. The Indian Patent Office looked forward to sharing the agreement further with International Authorities after this revision had been completed.”

1. **Points for consideration**

The Indian Patent Office presents the following points for consideration of International Authorities regarding the inclusion of TKDL in the PCT Minimum Documentation.

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|  | **Concerns raised by International Authorities and included in Summary of MIA 2016** | **Comments by India at MIA 2016/ further remarks** |
| **11.1** | Several Authorities stated that they looked forward to receiving a revised proposed draft access agreement, taking into account the modifications to the proposed monitoring and reporting requirements, as well as their intention to possibly reconsidering the issue of the termination clauses in light of the additional information provided by the Indian Patent Office.  | With regard to the necessity to monitor and report statistics, the Indian Patent Office had conveyed during MIA 2016 that such reporting requirements would be done away with and the Access Agreement (Annex I) has been modified accordingly. |
| **11.2** | The European Patent Office stated that, as a principle, it believed that the PCT minimum documentation should cover the broadest documentation possible. For that reason, it was of the opinion that, before any effort was made to include non-patent collections in the PCT minimum documentation, priority should be given to the patent documentation itself. It noted that at present, Indian patent publications were not part of the PCT minimum documentation. It was therefore of the view that priority should be given on the inclusion of Indian patent information into the PCT minimum documentation. | The patent and non-patent literature parts of the PCT Minimum Documentation have equal significance and importance as per Rule 34(1)(b)  of the Regulations under the PCT defining PCT Minimum Documentation. There are many items of non-patent literature published from different Member States whose patent documents are not yet part of PCT Minimum Documentation. The Indian Patent Office is eager to get the Indian Patent data included in PCT Minimum Documentation and look forward to the outcome of the discussions led by the Task Force which is also looking into this topic.Therefore the Indian Patent Office is of the view that a question of fixing priority between patent and non-patent literature does not arise and may not be considered as a pre-condition for inclusion of TKDL in the PCT Minimum Documentation.  |
| **11.3** | For the European Patent Office, the facilitation of the TKDL use practically meant that it had to become possible to integrate the TKDL data bulk into the Office’s internal search systems. Today, the access to the TKDL was possible only via an external separate TKDL website. From a practical view, the PCT minimum documentation had to be accessible and searchable by standard tools accessible by examiners at the respective International Searching Authorities. | The criteria adopted to include different items of periodicals in the PCT Minimum Documentation did not include any criterion regarding the possibility of integration of bulk data into patent offices’ internal search systems. It was rather the significance of the technical content that was the main consideration. Digital Rights Management has been fully left to the publishers of data for all items of periodicals included in the PCT Minimum Documentation. The Indian Patent Office has experienced the difficulty of negotiating with different Publishers as there is no uniform format for data, subscription rates and conditions for transfer of raw data. While providing Application Programming Interface (API) to integrate TKDL to any search system can be considered, this may not be a criterion to include a database in the PCT Minimum Documentation. |
| **11.4** | The European Patent Office stated that it followed that it would accept to include the TKDL in the PCT minimum documentation only at the condition that TKDL content was made available to International Searching Authorities to be loaded into their internal databases and could thus be incorporated in the standard search tools available at the respective International Searching Authorities. Search in PCT minimum documentation could not be conducted using multiple non-uniform user interfaces. It followed that the access agreement had to be modified accordingly. For example, a provision dedicated to that aspect could be added under the “Responsibilities of CSIR (Provider)”, after item (i). | Annex I of PCT/MIA/10/4 lays down the criteria for selection of TK periodicals which led to inclusion of 13 TK periodicals in the PCT Minimum Documentation. MIA agreed that the criteria shown below should be used in the selection of appropriate periodicals to be added to the PCT minimum documentation list:1. sufficient description of technical content so as to qualify as prior art, including ability to ascertain prior art date;
2. practicable access to periodicals, including their availability in electronic form;
3. availability of an English text of articles or, at least, of English language abstracts;
4. the range of fields of technology covered by periodicals;
5. geographical context of periodicals; and
6. access conditions applicable to periodicals, including cost and text search ability.”

No such criterion that the content shall be made available to International Searching Authorities to be loaded into their internal databases was considered for existing items of non-patent literature part of PCT Minimum Documentation. This may not be a criterion for inclusion in PCT Minimum Documentation at the first place. During the 22nd MIA held in 2015, the Indian Patent Office had presented a paper on non-patent literature to get the different publishers of non-patent literature (NPL) to agree to make NPL data available in a particular format for inclusion in the PCT minimum documentation. The responses to this paper included in Summary of MIA 2015 are as follows:NON PATENT LITERATURE UNDER THE PCT MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION“70. Discussions were based on document PCT/MIA/22/18 and a presentation given by the Indian Patent Office.71. All Authorities which took the floor on the matter expressed the view that it would appear very difficult to get the more than 30 different publishers of non-patent literature (NPL) to agree to make NPL data available in a particular format for inclusion in the PCT minimum documentation. This would incur additional costs to the publishers and would bring very little, if any, benefit to them. The European Patent Office had experience of these difficulties from its efforts to obtain data from NPL publishers in an ST.36 like format for inclusion in the EPO’s EPOQUE system. Several Authorities further questioned whether it would be desirable to exclude useful documents from the PCT minimum documentation simply because publishers were not willing to provide such documents in a particular format. “Also every International Authority is not desirous of loading the non-patent literature data on to their internal servers. For instance, when the same paper was first presented by the Indian Patent Office to the 7th session of PCT Working Group, the response by JPO was as follows:“14. The Delegation of Japan believed that there was great merit in using commercial databases for conducting prior art searches of non-patent literature designated as PCT minimum documentation. Therefore, the Delegation was not able to commit itself to storing any non patent literature from the PCT minimum documentation on the Japan Patent Office in-house databases. The Delegation was, however, always interested in procuring non patent literature documents and working to improve search efficiency and was interested in being informed of future discussions on this subject.”This may be true for many other International Authorities as well. Loading full data on to the user’s server may not be preferred by every database owner. In case of paid databases, the cost for loading raw data would be high for individual patent offices.  |
| **11.5** | The European Patent Office considered that the obligations of the User (Office) mentioned under paragraphs 2(i) and (ii) of the access agreement should be amended in order to include further rights which were required by the activities of patent Offices. Indeed, the license should include the right for the European Patent Office (licensee) and for authorized users: (a) to access, download, print, store, process and include in internal documents and files of the licensee selected items of licensed material in connection with the patenting procedure;(b) to supply the patent applicants and their representatives as well as other patent authorities and parties in the course of the patenting procedure with evidentiary copies (print or electronic) of selected items of Licensed Material;(c) to provide access to third parties to selected items of the licensed material in connection with file inspection; and (d) to provide selected items of licensed material to other patent authorities in connection with the patenting procedure. Any electronic file deliverable to a non-subscriber should be in the form of a non-reworkable PDF or equivalent. The licensee should notify external parties that copyrighted texts may not be copied or used in other electronic or printed publications or redistributed without the express permission of the copyright holder. | The obligations of the user as per the revised Access Agreement of TKDL (Annex I) includes the following:“The User shall, whenever required, deliver only that information from TKDL contents which is relevant for the purposes of citation in patent grant procedure in all phases including opposition proceedings, to the patent applicant(s) or any other person who is party to such proceedings. The User may, whenever required, deliver only, such relevant information from TKDL contents to other patent offices under any agreement between the User and such offices to share the cited documents of a patent application. Except as mentioned above, the User undertakes to preserve confidentiality of the entire contents of TKDL.” |
| **11.6** | The United States Patent and Trademark Office stated further that, in view of the access agreement set forth in the document, it was concerned that the non-disclosure and confidentiality requirements proposed by India as a condition to granting access to the TKDL would make it very burdensome or impossible for some Offices to utilize that resource. In its view, since it was mandatory for Authorities to have access to the PCT minimum documentation, all the collections forming part of the PCT minimum documentation should be equally available to the Authorities and to the parties involved in international search and preliminary examination. As a matter of principle, it believed that prior art which could be used by an Authority in a search report and written opinion should be available also to the applicants and their representatives, to enable them to make an informed decision on pursuing their rights.The United States Patent and Trademark Office expressed the view that PCT Rules 36.1 and 63.1 required that Authorities had access to the PCT minimum documentation. It asked the Secretariat to elaborate on the effect on an Office’s status as an Authority should it fail to comply with one or more of the non-disclosure provisions and lose access to the TKDL, should the TKDL become part of the PCT minimum documentation.In concluding, the United States Patent and Trademark Offices stated that it believed that important benefits could be gained by the International Authorities by accessing and fully utilizing the information contained in the TKDL database. However, it did not believe it was proper to limit such access by restrictive confidentiality and non-disclosure requirements. Fundamentally, it was required to ensure that the TKDL, like all other collections included in the PCT minimum documentation, was accessible by all the parties involved in international search and preliminary examination. | As per the TKDL Agreement, “The User shall, whenever required, deliver only that information from TKDL contents which is relevant for the purposes of citation in patent grant procedure in all phases including opposition proceedings, to the patent applicant(s) or any other person who is party to such proceedings. The User may, whenever required, deliver only, such relevant information from TKDL contents to other patent offices under any agreement between the User and such offices to share the cited documents of a patent application. Except as mentioned above, the User undertakes to preserve confidentiality of the entire contents of TKDL.”Thus the access conditions of TKDL do not impose any burdensome conditions that hamper the patenting process. Disclosure for all legitimate purposes is permitted by the Agreement. It is well within the rights of the proprietor of database to restrict disclosure for reasons beyond the legitimate purposes for which it is subscribed. The conditions of non-disclosure stipulated in the TKDL Agreement are identical to the conditions, which are part of the standard practice, followed by proprietors of databases. Similar clauses exist in Agreements with other Publishers of non-patent literature.As clarified by the Indian Patent Office during the presentation in MIA 2016, with regard to the proposed termination provisions and possible implications for an International Searching Authority losing access to the full PCT minimum documentation if the access agreement to the TKDL was terminated under the termination provisions of the draft agreement, those provisions and implications were similar, if not identical, to those applied in respect of non-patent literature where an Authority lost access to such non-patent literature, for example, due to the non-payment of subscription fees. In the view of the Indian Patent Office, the agreements with publishers contained termination clauses that both party could give notice to the other party and the access could be terminated. The clause relating to termination as per the revised Access Agreement (Annex I) is as follows:Termination (i) Either party may terminate this Agreement if the other party materially breaches its obligations under this Agreement and fails to cure such material breach, provided that the non-breaching party shall give written notice of its intention to terminate and shall allow the breaching party 15 days after receipt of such notice to remedy the breach. (ii) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (i) above, failure of either party to discharge any obligation or perform as per the terms or conditions of this Agreement as a result of conditions beyond its control such as but not limited to, war, strikes, fires, floods, government restrictions, acts of terrorism, public health emergencies, power failure or damages to or destruction of any network facilities or servers, shall not be deemed a breach of this Agreement.Even though the criteria for selection of items of non-patent literature include some access conditions also, there is no standard access agreement approved for the purpose of subscription by the Patent Offices. Each Publisher is free to use its own Agreement and there is no restriction to enter into different forms of Agreement with different conditions for any two International Authorities.The TKDL is offered for subscription only to Patent Offices for the purpose of defensive protection. This is to protect traditional medicinal knowledge on which livelihood of millions of people is dependent. In India, it takes care of the healthcare needs of a considerable percentage of the population. There needs to be different criteria for inclusion of databases, especially TK databases. The discussions at the Inter-Governmental Committee on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) also forms support for special criteria for inclusion in the PCT Minimum Documentation. Special attention is drawn to the draft legal text on TK (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/34/5) being discussed at the IGC.  |

A comparison between the clauses of the Revised TKDL Agreement and the model Agreements by few Publishers has been made in Annex A to this document.

1. **Way Forward**

As per the TKDL Agreement, disclosure for all legitimate purposes is permitted. The conditions in TKDL Access Agreement are identical to those imposed by other Publishers of non patent literature. The Access Agreement has been revised to further clarify the rights of users. As per the revised Agreement, the necessity to monitor and report statistics regarding usage has been removed.

The subscription is currently offered only to Patent Offices for the purpose of defensive protection due to the special nature of TK data as it needs to be protected from misappropriation for the benefit of the indigenous peoples and local communities who are dependent on it. TKDL is based on books of Indian Systems of Medicine, which are available in open domain and can be sourced by any individual/organization at national/international level. TKDL acts as a bridge between these books (Prior-art) and patent examiners.

The usefulness of TKDL in prior art search, to ensure grant of valid patents, being well appreciated by all the International Authorities, the inclusion of TKDL into the PCT Minimum Documentation may be considered in the light of the observations made in this document and the revised Access Agreement of TKDL.

**End of document**

**Annex A to the Working document on inclusion of Indian Traditional Knowledge Digital Library in the PCT Minimum Documentation, presented by the Indian Patent Office to the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force.**

**1. Comparison of TKDL Agreement with the Agreement of M/s Wiley**

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| Clause of TKDL Agreement | Corresponding clause in Agreement of M/s Wiley(http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/licenseAgreement) |
| **Traditional Knowledge Digital Library** **(TKDL)****Access Agreement** This Agreement is made on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20----- between Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 having its registered office at Anusandhan Bhawan, 2 Rafi Marg, New Delhi – 110 001 [hereinafter called the “Provider”].And the , which is an Office concerned with Patent Search & Examination having its registered office at , hereinafter called the “User”. (hereinafter collectively called ‘parties’ or ‘either party’) Whereas Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) has been jointly developed by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (called CSIR) and Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (called AYUSH), Government of India and is a proprietary and original database. Whereas CSIR which is the provider of TKDL, is the sole owner of the TKDL proprietary and original database and is the implementing agency of TKDL on behalf of Government of India. Whereas TKDL is a database in five international languages (English, French, German, Spanish and Japanese), which converts Indian Traditional Knowledge (Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Yoga, etc.) from existing *prior art*, traditional knowledge formulations or know-how available in Hindi, Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian, Urdu, Tamil, etc. to five international languages. Whereas TKDL contains images of Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha formulations and Yoga practices with an objective to protect Indian Traditional Knowledge already available in public domain. Whereas TKDL is a bridge between ancient texts in Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian, Urdu, Tamil, Hindi etc. (existing *Prior Art*) and Patent Examiner at a global level and provides information on modern as well as local names in a language and format understandable to Patent Examiners.  Whereas the Government of India has duly authorized the Provider to execute this Agreement. And Whereas the User has expressed its interest to get access to TKDL for the purpose of all phases of the patent grant procedure.Now therefore, this Agreement witnesses as follows:-1. The Provider hereby grants to the User full access to the TKDL database for a period of 5 years as from signature of this Agreement by both parties for the purposes of patent grant procedures by the User
2. It is hereby agreed and declared between the parties that aforesaid access is on a non-exclusive basis and is subject to the following conditions:-

 **(a) Responsibilities of the Provider**1. The Provider shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure uninterrupted online access and continuous availability of TKDL to authorized users in accordance with this agreement except in cases beyond the control of the Provider or any force majeure.
2. The Provider shall provide training to the User to use TKDL tools for search and examination as and when needed; the cost, if any, of such training has to be borne by the User.
3. The Provider shall render online assistance in using TKDL for search and examination, as and when needed by the User.
4. The Provider shall remain free to grant access of TKDL to any other parties, including other patent offices, on a non-exclusive basis.

 **(b) Responsibilities and Obligations of the User** 1. The User shall use TKDL information only for the purposes of the patent grant procedure in all its phases including the inspection of files and for no other purpose.
2. The User shall, whenever required, deliver only that information from TKDL contents which is relevant for the purposes of citation in patent grant procedure in all phases including opposition proceedings, to the patent applicant(s) or any other person who is party to such proceedings. The User may, whenever required, deliver only, such relevant information from TKDL contents to other patent offices under any agreement between the User and such offices to share the cited documents of a patent application. Except as mentioned above, the User undertakes to preserve confidentiality of the entire contents of TKDL.
3. Survival of obligations for maintaining the confidentiality of TKDL shall remain even after the termination of this Agreement.

**2. Periodic Review**The Parties may review the status on access to TKDL as and when required for identifying impediments and issues that may need corrective action.**3. User Access Details:** Access details shall be provided by the User as follows as Annex to this Agreement**IP Address based access**IP Address Details: (e.g.,**145.64.\*.\*)****4. Renewal**This Agreement shall be renewed further automatically for periods of 5 years each, on completion of the Agreement period, provided the Agreement is not terminated under clause 11 of this agreement.**5. Severability**If any covenant or provision of this Agreement is determined to be void or unenforceable in whole or part, then such void or unenforceable provision shall be deleted from this Agreement and shall not affect or impair the enforceability or validity of any other provision of this Agreement or any part thereof.**6. Modification**Any provision of this Agreement can be modified only with the express consent of both parties in writing signed and acknowledged by both parties thereof.**7. Supersession** This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes all other express or implied agreements between the parties in this regard.**8. Waiver** No delay, indulgence or failure to act by either party regarding any particular default or omission of the other party shall affect or impair any rights or remedies regarding that or any subsequent default or omission unless it is waived in writing.**9. Settlement of disputes**Any dispute, which may arise in connection with the implementation, interpretation or application of this Agreement, will be settled amicably between the Parties through mutual consultations.**10. Disclaimer** (i) The Parties reserve all rights as regards their confidential information and no rights or obligations other than those expressly written herein are granted or implied by this Agreement. (ii) The information contained in TKDL has been compiled on best effort basis; the Provider of the database shall therefore not be held responsible for any inadvertent error in the content of TKDL.  (iii) Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the rights and obligations relating to any prior art, traditional knowledge formulations or know how which are not listed in the TKDL since it does not claim to be exhaustive in its coverage.**11.** **Termination** (i) Either party may terminate this Agreement if the other party materially breaches its obligations under this Agreement and fails to cure such material breach, provided that the non-breaching party shall give written notice of its intention to terminate and shall allow the breaching party 15 days after receipt of such notice to remedy the breach. (ii) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (i) above, failure of either party to discharge any obligation or perform as per the terms or conditions of this Agreement as a result of conditions beyond its control such as but not limited to, war, strikes, fires, floods, government restrictions, acts of terrorism, public health emergencies, power failure or damages to or destruction of any network facilities or servers, shall not be deemed a breach of this Agreement.**12.** **Execution Authority**The persons whose signatures appear below certify that they are authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom they sign.

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2. The User shall, whenever required, deliver only that information from TKDL contents which is relevant for the purposes of citation in patent grant procedure in all phases including opposition proceedings, to the patent applicant(s) or any other person who is party to such proceedings. The User may, whenever required, deliver only, such relevant information from TKDL contents to other patent offices under any agreement between the User and such offices to share the cited documents of a patent application. Except as mentioned above, the User undertakes to preserve confidentiality of the entire contents of TKDL.
3. Survival of obligations for maintaining the confidentiality of TKDL shall remain even after the termination of this Agreement.

**2. Periodic Review**The Parties may review the status on access to TKDL as and when required for identifying impediments and issues that may need corrective action.**3. User Access Details:** Access details shall be provided by the User as follows as Annex to this Agreement**IP Address based access**IP Address Details: (e.g.,**145.64.\*.\*)****4. Renewal**This Agreement shall be renewed further automatically for periods of 5 years each, on completion of the Agreement period, provided the Agreement is not terminated under clause 11 of this agreement.**5. Severability**If any covenant or provision of this Agreement is determined to be void or unenforceable in whole or part, then such void or unenforceable provision shall be deleted from this Agreement and shall not affect or impair the enforceability or validity of any other provision of this Agreement or any part thereof.**6. Modification**Any provision of this Agreement can be modified only with the express consent of both parties in writing signed and acknowledged by both parties thereof.**7. Supersession** This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes all other express or implied agreements between the parties in this regard.**8. Waiver** No delay, indulgence or failure to act by either party regarding any particular default or omission of the other party shall affect or impair any rights or remedies regarding that or any subsequent default or omission unless it is waived in writing.**9. Settlement of disputes**Any dispute, which may arise in connection with the implementation, interpretation or application of this Agreement, will be settled amicably between the Parties through mutual consultations.**10. Disclaimer** (i) The Parties reserve all rights as regards their confidential information and no rights or obligations other than those expressly written herein are granted or implied by this Agreement. (ii) The information contained in TKDL has been compiled on best effort basis; the Provider of the database shall therefore not be held responsible for any inadvertent error in the content of TKDL.  (iii) Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the rights and obligations relating to any prior art, traditional knowledge formulations or know how which are not listed in the TKDL since it does not claim to be exhaustive in its coverage.**11.** **Termination** (i) Either party may terminate this Agreement if the other party materially breaches its obligations under this Agreement and fails to cure such material breach, provided that the non-breaching party shall give written notice of its intention to terminate and shall allow the breaching party 15 days after receipt of such notice to remedy the breach. (ii) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (i) above, failure of either party to discharge any obligation or perform as per the terms or conditions of this Agreement as a result of conditions beyond its control such as but not limited to, war, strikes, fires, floods, government restrictions, acts of terrorism, public health emergencies, power failure or damages to or destruction of any network facilities or servers, shall not be deemed a breach of this Agreement.**12.** **Execution Authority**The persons whose signatures appear below certify that they are authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom they sign.

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 | STN Global Value Pricing License AgreementThis STN® Global Value Pricing License Agreement (the “Agreement”) is entered into by and between CUSTOMER and The American Chemical Society through its Chemical Abstracts Service division (“CAS”) as operator of the STN® International STN Service Center (“STN”).THE PARTIES, INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND, AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**1.  PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT.**This Agreement covers financial and related arrangements for CUSTOMER's use of all STN files, features and services available during the term of this Agreement, with exceptions as listed herein.**2.  TERM AND TERMINATION.**The initial Term of this License shall be as set forth in the Order.  Neither party may terminate this Agreement for the sake of convenience.In the event of a breach of this Agreement by CUSTOMER, CAS may provide notice of such breach.  Upon receipt of such notice, CUSTOMER will cure such breach within 30 days.  If CUSTOMER fails to cure the breach within the 30-day period, CAS may terminate this Agreement immediately, and CUSTOMER is responsible for all payments as set forth in this Agreement. CAS may temporarily suspend access to one or more login IDs during the breach period.**3.  LICENSE FEES.**License Fees and invoicing for CUSTOMER’s initial Term are set forth in CUSTOMER’s Order.CUSTOMER may not change the type of currency during the term of this Agreement.  CUSTOMER will pay all invoices according to the STN invoice terms and must be paid via the following methods:  check (drawn on a USA bank or branch of a USA bank), wire transfer, Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) transfer, or Electronic Data Transfer (EDT) in formats CTX or CTPNACHA.  CUSTOMER shall be responsible for any applicable taxes under this Agreement.**4.  FINANCIAL TERMS AND ELIGIBLE SITES.**CUSTOMER is entitled to receive unlimited use of all Files and Features, except those specifically excluded in Paragraph 7, for use at CUSTOMER sites identified in the Order.Global Value Pricing is dependent on CUSTOMER maintaining current or previous subscription levels to certain databases if applicable, as well as information provided by CUSTOMER during Global Value Pricing discussions. If subscriptions are cancelled during the life of this contract or key usage parameters discussed with CUSTOMER change, CAS and CUSTOMER agree to timely renegotiate this contract in good faith.All searching under this Agreement shall be for the exclusive benefit of CUSTOMER Eligible Sites identified in the Order.  CUSTOMER shall not perform any searching under this Agreement for the benefit of any other CUSTOMER Eligible Site.For purposes of this Agreement, a CUSTOMER Eligible Site must be in the control of CUSTOMER and greater than 50% owned by CUSTOMER.  Further, CUSTOMER agrees and warrants that all applicable CUSTOMER Eligible Sites are greater than 50% owned by CUSTOMER.  Should a change in ownership occur at an Eligible Site in which CUSTOMER no longer controls or owns greater than 50% of the Eligible Site, CUSTOMER will notify CAS in writing within 30 days of the change in ownership. Regardless of notification to CAS by CUSTOMER, the Eligible Site will automatically become ineligible for the pricing benefits provided under this Agreement, and will be subject to a separate price assessment that covers the period beginning with the time of change in ownership.**5.  PRICE ASSESSMENT, CONDITIONS AND CURRENCY.**The price for use of STN under this Agreement is based on historical usage and an assessment of future usage as known and agreed between the Parties at the time of the assessment. If assessed parameters change during the term of this Agreement leading to a significant increase of usage, CUSTOMER is obliged to inform CAS immediately. Such parameters include, but are not limited to, the intention to transfer usage from other commercial vendors or products, the addition of sites, mergers and acquisitions.  A possible re-assessment of the price will be carried out in good faith.**6.  INCLUDED FILES AND FEATURES.**This Agreement covers the use of all STN Files and Features subject to availability, except for those excluded in Paragraph 7.  Any new File and/or Features added to STN during the term of this Agreement will be covered by this Agreement, with exceptions at the discretion of CAS.**7.  EXCLUDED FILES AND FEATURES.**Unless otherwise set forth in the Order, the following Files and Features are not covered by the Agreement and will be billed separately to CUSTOMER:PatentPak®Science IP® Labor ChargesFIZ AutoDocSingle Article SalesSTN AnaVist™ CAplus Download Document FeatureClarivate Analytics Derwent Markush Resource​**8.  KEY CONTACT.**CUSTOMER agrees to provide CAS with the name, address, telephone and telefax numbers, and email address for a key contact, and to notify CAS of any changes in this information during the term of this Agreement. A key contact is defined as a named User at an Eligible Site designated by Licensee as the administrative point of contact.**9.  USE OF DATA.**Inclusion of All Files in an STN Global Value Pricing Agreement is designed for existing STN Users and/or new users, and encourages Users to make full use of STN.  The Agreement includes reasonable training and addition of new searchers as well. All use of data including archiving and redistributing search results from Files on STN under this Agreement is either governed by the CAS Information Use Policies, the STN Information Keep & Share Program, Clarivate Analytics (UK) Limited Databases Terms of Agreement, or other database specific terms and conditions depending on the databases used ([www.stn.org](http://www.stn.org/)). All aforementioned usage restrictions and guidelines are part of this Agreement and CUSTOMER accepts these usage terms. Usage restrictions and guidelines concerning use of databases are subject to change by the database content provider and are published online.**10.  EXCLUSIVE USE BY CONTRACTORS AND SEARCH SERVICES.**CUSTOMER may provide access to STN under this Agreement to a Contractor/Search Service for searching purposes contingent upon the following:a)  All searching on STN shall be for the exclusive benefit of CUSTOMER;b)  CUSTOMER agrees to assume all legal and financial responsibility for the Contractor/Search Service’s use and searching of the Files;c)  CUSTOMER will request a unique login ID from CAS for a Contractor/Search Service and provide CAS with the name of such Contractor/Search Service;d)  CAS reserves the right to review and reject any Contractor/Search Service;e)  Each Contractor/Search Service will be provided with a unique STN login ID by CUSTOMER to be used by the Contractor/Search Service (CUSTOMER will notify CAS when a specific STN login ID is no longer needed for the Contractor/Search Service);f)   CUSTOMER will monitor usage by each Contractor/Search Service to ensure Contractor/Search Service is in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; andg)  Any use by the Contractor/Search Service that is found to be in violation of the Agreement terms will be deemed to be outside of this Agreement, and will be separately invoiced to CUSTOMER.**11.  COOPERATION OF PARTIES.**CAS will monitor the searching and downloading activity performed under this Agreement. In the event of any extraordinary usage, CUSTOMER agrees to provide assistance in identifying the individual(s) causing such extraordinary usage, and if necessary, cooperate with CAS to reach a mutually agreeable solution.**12.  CONFIDENTIALITY.**Each party will keep the terms of this Agreement and the Order confidential, with the exception that it may confer with legal counsel or other legal advisor on its terms and except as required by law in the reasonable opinion of each party's respective legal counsel. CUSTOMER accepts liability for the compliance of its included subsidiaries with this provision.**13.  NON-ASSIGNMENT.**This Agreement may not be assigned, sub-licensed or otherwise transferred to any third party.**14.  GOVERNING LAW.**The courts of the District of Columbia of the United States of America will have jurisdiction with respect to any disagreements or conflicts resulting from this Agreement.  Additionally, the validity, construction and performance of this Agreement and the legal relations between the parties to this Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia.**15.  NOTICES.**Any notice(s) given under the Agreement may be sent by electronic mail, facsimile, or by certified mail to the party’s last known address.**16.  ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, the Order, and the applicable individual agreements that CUSTOMER has entered into with CAS or FIZ Karlsruhe – Leibniz-Institut für Informationsinfrastruktur GmbH (“FIZ Karlsruhe”) related to STN, are the entire understanding between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof, and supersede all prior representations and agreements, oral or written, related to purpose of this Agreement (§1), and may not be modified unless in writing signed by authorized individuals of both parties.  A fully executed copy of CUSTOMER’s Order shall have the same legal effect as an original. Any conflict between the Order and this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of the Order.  Any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of any such applicable individual agreements presently in place upon the signing of this Agreement for the included Files will be resolved in favor of this Agreement. All other terms and conditions of the applicable agreements presently in place for included Files will remain in place, even upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement, unless otherwise terminated pursuant to the terms of any of the individual agreements. If CUSTOMER uses a purchase order in conjunction with ordering or paying for its STN Global Value Pricing access, the parties agree that the terms of the purchase order will in no way modify, add to, or delete this Agreement. ANY DISCREPANCY BETWEEN CUSTOMER’S PURCHASE ORDER(S) AND THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF THIS AGREEMENT.**17.  IMPOSSIBILITY OF PERFORMANCE.**To the extent that either party may be precluded by a force majeure event, authority of laws, strikes, lockouts, casualties or other causes beyond its control from performance hereunder, such non-performance will be excused to the extent that it results from such causes and will not give rise to any claims for damages by the other party.**18.  AUTHORITY.**The representative of CUSTOMER signing the Order represents that he or she has the full and complete authority to bind CUSTOMER and all its included subsidiaries to the terms of the Order and this Agreement.**19.  THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY.** CUSTOMER acknowledges that STN is a service operated by The American Chemical Society through its Chemical Abstracts Service division and FIZ Karlsruhe.  CUSTOMER further acknowledges that FIZ Karlsruhe is entitled to all rights of a third party beneficiary under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, enforcing the terms and conditions provided, and benefiting from the remedies provided herein. Last Updated: March 14, 2017  |

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