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ИНТЕЛЛЕКТУАЛЬНОЙ СОБСТВЕННОСТИ**

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August 20, 1998

Re: GLOBALPat

Madam,
Sir,

The availability of patent information on CD-ROM in local archives was proposed and agreed upon by the Plenary session of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT) in June, with a view to supplementing access to databases on the WIPO Global Information Network. As stated in Task No. 31 of the SCIT Working Program, WIPO is prepared to assist small intellectual property offices in acquiring CD-ROMs to enhance accessing of patent information.

The Secretariat consulted main producers of CD-ROMs containing patent information. In the light of its data coverage, data value and usefulness as a search tool, the Secretariat selected GLOBALPat. GLOBALPat is a collection of patent documents on CD-ROM which is appropriate for achieving the objectives of the Task. It is derived from the First Page Database which contains a single representative member of almost every patent family published by the European Patent Office, France, Germany, United Kingdom, Switzerland, the United States or WIPO (PCT). It contains, in the English language, bibliographic data, including title and abstract and, where appropriate, the image of a representative drawing. The Trilateral Offices—the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Japanese Patent Office—jointly financed the preparation of the database and the translation of all non-English abstracts. Drawings are combined with text into SGML documents. GLOBALPat uses the MIMOSA software developed for SGML-encoded

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documents and is widely recognized as an international standard in this area. The backfile set covers the period 1971–1996 and is arranged in 69 technology groups based on the International Patent Classification. The backfile GLOBALPat CD-ROMs were published for the first time in November of last year. They consist of 116 disks. GLOBALPat can run on Windows 3.1, Windows 95 and Windows NT, and most of the CD-ROM juke-box systems currently available on the market.

The Secretariat has contacted the USPTO and EPO and intends to buy, for free-of-charge distribution to industrial property offices in selected developing countries, a number of sets of the CD-ROM product GLOBALPat (backfile set only).

Your Office is invited to inform the Secretariat, as soon as possible but not later than by September 15, 1998, of its desire and justification for receiving one set of the GLOBALPat CD-ROM (backfile set) free of charge. Please provide us with a short explanation of the intended usage of the product within your Office. Your response could also be sent to our e-mail address (scit.mail@wipo.int), indicating the number of this Circular.

If your Office had already received, or is going to receive, a backfile set of the GLOBALPat CD-ROM in its capacity as an exchange partner of the USPTO (please see the Annex to this Circular letter), you are invited to check whether your Office has an urgent need for another set to be provided by WIPO. In those cases where there is reasonable justification, WIPO may decide to provide an additional set of GLOBALPat to selected industrial property offices.

Sincerely yours,



Yo Takagi
Director

Inter-Office Information Services Department

Countries which will receive a backfile set of GLOBALPat in their capacity as exchange partners of the USPTO:

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Belarus	Kyrgyzstan	Republic of Macedonia
Benin	Latvia	Togo
Brazil	Lebanon	Tunisia
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Canada	Malta	Tanzania
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