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Sir,

Modifications of the Administrative Instructions Under the PCT

*Standard for the Electronic Filing and Processing
of International Applications: Modifications of Annex F*

1. This Circular concerns modifications of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) to be promulgated with effect from January 1, 2005.
2. Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and the technical standard for electronic filing and processing of international applications, entered into force on January 7, 2002 (see *PCT Gazette* S-04/2001 dated December 27, 2001). Those provisions have since been modified on several occasions. The consolidated texts of Part 7, Annex F and Appendix I of Annex F are contained, respectively, in documents PCT/AI/2 (see also *PCT Gazette* S-04/2004 dated July 1, 2004, as well as document PCT/AI/2 Corr.1), PCT/AI/ANF/1 and PCT/AI/DTD/1, which are available on WIPO's Website at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm>. Some further modifications to Annex F and its Appendix I, with effect from January 1, 2005, are contained, respectively, in documents PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.1 and PCT/AI/DTD/1 Rev.1, which are also available on WIPO's Website.
3. The present modifications are based on PCT/EF/PFC 04/001 file, which is available on WIPO's Website at http://www.wipo.int/pct/efiling_standard/en/index.html. The International Bureau took into account all comments received after consultation under Rule 89.2(b) of the Regulations under the PCT, in accordance with the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F (expedited consideration of proposals for change), with the national and regional patent Offices of, or acting for, all PCT Contracting States, with PCT International Authorities and with interested intergovernmental organizations, as well as with certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system (see Circular C. PCT 992, dated June 8, 2004).

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4. Following that consultation, section 5.1.2.1 (Use of the SSL tunnel for application) of Annex F is modified. The text of these modifications is set out in document PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.2, which is available on WIPO's Website at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm>. Paper copies of this document are available from the International Bureau upon request.

5. The modifications will be promulgated in *PCT Gazette* No. 36/2004 on September 2, 2004, with effect from January 1, 2005.

Sincerely yours,



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