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WIPONET PROJECT STATUS REPORT

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### Background

1. At the Thirty-Second Series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States in March 1998, the WIPO General Assembly approved the proposal of the Director General to initiate a project to establish and operate a Global Information Network (WIPONET). The Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT) at its sixth Plenary session, held from January 22 to 26, 2001, decided to provide regular status report to its Member States.
2. The WIPONET Project comprises a central computer facility linking all intellectual property Offices (IPOs) to provide for the secure exchange of information between Offices, as well as Internet access to Offices not connected to the Internet, and was officially launched in 1998. Over the past three years, the Secretariat has received great support and cooperation from the Member States in the process of implementation of the said project. It is proceeding well and, since the last report, the project has made significant progress within the schedule and budgetary estimates.

### Overall Project Status

3. The implementation to set up the WIPONET CENTER is ahead of schedule and the Phase I deployment of the WIPONET KIT to IPOs has started.

4. At its sixth Plenary session, the SCIT requested the Secretariat to make available to the Information Technology Projects Working Group (ITPWG) the Service Level Agreements (SLAs) signed between WIPO and its two contractors for the WIPONET Project. Owing to issues of confidentiality, the Secretariat is not able to distribute the documents electronically. However, paper copies, in English only, will be made available to delegates at the opening of the ITPWG.

#### WIPONET CENTER

5. The estimated time to implement the WIPONET CENTER has been reduced from 11 months to 8.5 months and the current completion of the commissioning tests is expected in late September 2001.

#### WIPONET KIT

6. The Site Surveys of the first five sites in Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Chad, Honduras and Lebanon took place between March and early May 2001, with the actual installation of the equipment and the associated connection to WIPONET starting in these five IPOs in June 2001. Once the first five sites have been connected to WIPONET, most of the remaining 61 Offices will be installed between August and the end of the year. One month's delay can be expected in this area, but this should not affect the overall project delivery.

7. The training contract was signed in early July and the training courses are due to begin early October.

### Summary of Progress Since the Last Review

8. Key tasks completed since the last review:

#### WIPONET CENTER

- Detailed design completed for the system architecture and the WIPONET services;
- Equipment delivered and installed in the Primary Computer Facility (provided on schedule by the FOCUS Project in late March);
- Second Computer Facility provided on schedule by the FOCUS Project in late June;
- Connection of the WIPONET Center to the SITA network.

#### WIPONET KIT

- Development of the Deployment Strategy and specialized deployment tracking tools;
- Missions to first five Sites to verify the Site Survey and Installation procedures;
- Design and development of the WIPONET Desktop in English, French and Spanish.

## 9. Key Tasks in Progress

### WIPONET CENTER

- IBM currently performing integration testing of the installed services across the server clusters;
- Transition Phase has already started ahead of schedule;
- Installation of the high-speed data link between the WIPONET Primary and Secondary Computer Facilities;
- Development of the production WIPONET web site.

### WIPONET KIT

- Development of the IPO Security Guidelines (to be ready for Focal Point Training in October);
- Development of the Training Concept and Material for Focal Points (on schedule);
- Phase I Deployment to 61 Offices.

## Project Milestones/Deliverables Planned and Achieved (for the past three months)

10. This section mentions the project milestones/deliverables planned for the period being reported on and the actual achievement. It may be noted that milestones are different from tasks.

### WIPONET CENTER

- Technical Architecture Design Completed;
- Equipment Delivered;
- High-Speed connection to SITA Network installed.

### WIPONET KIT

- First version of the Desktop Specification completed;
- SITA Site Surveys and installation of KIT completed in first five Offices;
- Training Contract signed.

## Project Milestones/Deliverables for the Next Period (three months)

11. This paragraph briefly describes the planned milestones for the following period and lists the key tasks to be undertaken in that period.

### WIPONET CENTER

- Move from Implementation Phase to Transition Phase in preparation for Operations;
- Commissioning of the WIPONET Secondary Computer Facility;
- Acceptance testing of the WIPONET Services.

WIPONET KIT

- SITA Helpdesk available to IPOs who have received the KIT.

Key Issues and Actions Taken or Recommended

12. Installation of the WIPONET KIT in a few of the 66 countries under Phase I will not be possible this year for various reasons. Offices planned for Phase II will be identified to replace those offices where installations cannot be undertaken for the time being.

*13. The ITPWG is invited to comment upon and note the contents of this document.*

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