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**ВСЕМИРНАЯ ОРГАНИЗАЦИЯ  
ИНТЕЛЛЕКТУАЛЬНОЙ СОБСТВЕННОСТИ**

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November 30, 1998

Re: Trial Use of Patent and Trademark Databases commercially available on the Internet as part of the review of the desired contents and functionalities of Intellectual Property Digital Libraries

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Madam,  
Sir,

At its first Plenary session, held in June 1998, the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT Plenary) included Task No. 30, the development of Intellectual Property Digital Libraries (IPDLs), in its work program.

With regard to this development, a number of offices have recently provided via their Web sites free databases of searchable intellectual property data which have served as prototypes of the type of service national IPDLs should provide and, as such, have increased the awareness of other offices in this respect. To further increase awareness, the Secretariat considers that it would be useful to provide small intellectual property offices with an opportunity for a trial use of selected databases commercially available on the Internet which normally require subscription to make use of the service. Accordingly the Secretariat invited all major database providers to make proposals as to how they could cooperate with WIPO in assisting small offices, and subsequently studied their proposals with regard to database contents, search facilities, retrieval of search results, delivery of hard copies and cost of subscription. The Secretariat has carefully evaluated the proposals from the providers and selected a few vendors. The opportunity for trial use of these selected commercial database services are now available to any interested intellectual property offices. Please note that this

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trial requires Internet access by the participating offices and that the Secretariat is not in a position to provide offices with Internet access facilities nor the telecommunication and Internet service provider costs.

./ To apply for this trial use, please fill out the attached participation form and return it to the Secretariat by December 25, 1998. It is planned to make the services available to participating offices from the beginning of February 1999 for six months. For more information, please contact the Secretariat at [scit.mail@wipo.int](mailto:scit.mail@wipo.int).

Sincerely yours,



Yo Takagi  
Director  
Inter-Office Information Services Department

**PARTICIPATION FORM**

FOR A PERIOD OF TRIAL USE OF COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE  
DATABASES  
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF TASK No. 30

OFFICE NAME:

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CONTACT DETAILS OF THE OFFICER WHO WILL TRIAL THE  
DATABASES:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title:  
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My Office wishes to participate in the trial use of the services rendered by the database providers, the subscription fees of which will be borne by WIPO.

My Office agrees to actively use these databases during the trial period from the beginning of February 1999 to the end of July 1999, and also agrees to submit a report about the results of the trial use to the Secretariat by the end of the trial period.