Re: GLOBALPat

Dear Mr. Takagi,

Thank you for your letter of August 20, 1998 C. SCIT 2386 concerning WIPO plan of free-of-charge distribution of the backfile GLOBALPat CD-ROMs.
Rospatent has already received the backfile set from the USPTO. The new product has appeared to be very useful for our examiners. We plan to widely use it in the course of conducting patent examination   as one of the search tools.
Being a federal executive body of the Russian Federation, Rospatent is in charge of all the aspects of organization of work in the field of industrial property protection including provision of patent information to the public. At present, as you may know, Rospatent has two official collections of patent documentation, one of which is used for examination purposes by state examiners and another is used by the public in the Patent Library of the Federal Institute of Industrial Property. The possibilities which the GLOBALPat CD-ROMs provide, including subject- matter search in the wide range of data could be of great help to the users of our library. That's why we would be very grateful if WIPO could find it possible to provide Rospatent with an additional set of GLOBALPat for library use.
Another issue which we would like to mention is the problem of downloading the information of the product for internal use. According to the Task No.17 of the recently adopted SCIT Working Program the IB plans to study the practical questions associated with downloading in the context of library use.
In view of the new useful WIPO initiative of distribution to selected industrial property offices some CD-ROM products, it would be desirable to discuss the problems of usage of such products, common to all the offices concerned, including the permission to download the information for internal use.

Looking forward to continuing cooperation.
Sincerely yours,

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