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Subject: Circular C. SCIT 2386 (GLOBALPat)

Dear Mr Takagi,

Thank you for your circular C.SCIT 2386 on GLOBALPat.

The Singapore Registry of Trade Marks and Patents is very interested in receiving a set of the GLOBALPat CD-ROM (backfile set).

Currently patent information is provided to the public in Singapore by another separate body, namely the National Patent Information Centre. The Registry currently has limited resources on patent information. We are looking into expanding our resources on patent information with a view of building our own capabilities in search and examination. We currently do not have any collection of GLOBALPat CD-ROM, although we do have in our collection ESPACE-WORLD and ESPACE-EP. A backfile set of GLOBALPat CD-ROM would be of great assistance to my staff in ascertaining the patent documentation of other countries and would go a long way in helping the officers in the Registry in their work.

The Registry is also currently looking into computerisation of its patents operations. In the past, the Registry used to operate a registration system for patents. In relation to United Kingdom and European patents that were registered in Singapore, the Registry is looking for sources of data for these patents. In particular, as these patents were not granted by the Registry, we do not have the abstracts and the appropriate drawing for these patents and we are looking into the sourcing of abstracts and drawings in electronic form. We believe that the GLOBALPat CD-ROM may be of assistance to us in this respect.

Yours sincerely,

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