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August 11, 2000

Re: Trial use of patent databases commercially available on the Internet as part of the review of the desired contents and functionality of the Intellectual Property Digital Libraries project: Current Status

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Madam,  
Sir,

I refer to C. SCIT 2449/05, of May 12, 1999, concerning the above-mentioned project and more particularly the trial use of patent databases offered by the hosts IBM and FACHINFORMATIONSZENTRUM-KARLSRUHE (FIZ Karlsruhe). The current status of arrangements with these hosts is detailed below.

*STN Easy – FIZ Karlsruhe*

WIPO's agreement with FIZ Karlsruhe was for access to STN Easy to be provided to nominated IPOs for a six-month period ending December 31, 1999. Subsequently, FIZ Karlsruhe decided to extend the IPO access for a further period as a gesture of good will because of the low usage of the service during the initial period. It was understood that FIZ Karlsruhe would notify offices of this extension to the service and the period involved but, due to a misunderstanding, they did not do so.

Following further discussions with FIZ Karlsruhe, they have notified WIPO that they are further extending the STN Easy access to those offices that participated in the trial until October 31, 2000, under the existing contract and without any additional payments. Participating offices may continue to use the service using their allocated userid, etc.

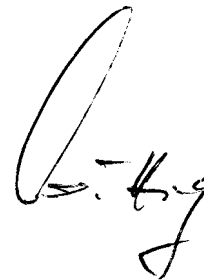
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*Intellectual Property Network – IBM*

The agreement relating to the use of the above services was not concluded until August, 1999, following which information provided by IBM indicates that only ten of the offices which had requested use of this trial service have signed a contract with them. Following further discussions with the International Bureau, IBM has contacted offices with a view to resolving any difficulties that may have prevented their participation. Given the delayed commencement of the trial period IBM have agreed that access to all offices participating in the trial will be extended until August of 2001.

For any further inquiries relating to the trial use of STN or IBM databases, please contact my colleague, Mr. William Guy, Head, Special Projects Section, at [scit.mail@wipo.int](mailto:scit.mail@wipo.int).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Wittig', written in a cursive style.

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