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Madam,  
Sir,

*The PCT Automated Document Ordering System (PADOS)*

This Circular is addressed to your Office in its capacity as a designated or elected Office under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) using the PCT Communication on Request (PCT-COR) system. The Circular concerns the replacement of the existing PCT-COR system with a new system for requesting documents from the International Bureau, entitled "*PCT Automated Document Ordering System (PADOS)*".

The PADOS system allows to order all the documents previously available via PCT-COR and:

- is based on new technology, avoiding the need for any special installation procedure;
- allows access to all PCT documents available on PATENTSCOPE, avoiding the restricted subset in PCT-COR;
- provides a simplified ordering system, including Office profile management for document type selection, offering an international application subscription list facility and enabling single requests per by international application if desired;
- is integrated with the PCT-Electronic Data Interchange (PCT-EDI) system, delivering documents according to the PCT-EDI Minimum Specification (see <http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/pct-edi/documents/>), rather than using formats specific to the PCT-COR system; at present the system is only able to deliver documents via PCT-EDI; and
- provides instant delivery, while PCT-COR provided a more batch oriented delivery within 24 hours.

Further information is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/data/index.html>.

The new PADOS system is already available for production use and is accessible on the Internet at the following address: <https://pct.wipo.int/pados>. Bearing in mind that it is envisaged to have both systems (PCT-COR and PADOS) co-exist until the end of 2011 but to decommission PCT-COR thereafter so that only PADOS would be available as of 2012, the International Bureau would appreciate it if your Office could review, at the earliest opportunity, the use of the new PADOS system and provide us with feedback so as to enable the International Bureau to identify any issues which might require corrections or features which should be added to better meet your needs.

To start using the PADOS system your Office will need:

- the web-site address for the system: <https://pct.wipo.int/pados>;
- a username and password;
- and a PCT-EDI connection (installed on a PC workstation or server at your office).

The International Bureau would be grateful if you would, via the dedicated e-mail address [pct.cor@wipo.int](mailto:pct.cor@wipo.int), advise the name of a user, or users, from your Office who will access the PADOS system, so that the International Bureau may establish the corresponding username and password.

Should you have any further questions or comments regarding the PADOS system, please contact Mr. Takashi Yamashita, Director, PCT International Cooperation Division, e-mail: [pcticd@wipo.int](mailto:pcticd@wipo.int); fax: (+4122) 338 7160.

Yours sincerely,



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