Digitization Projects – Scope, Benefits, and Lessons Learned

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First Phase of Digitization of IP Dossiers

- From started until 2013, DIP did not scanned any documents
- From year 2014, WIPO support on digitization project to scan all the documents, at that time it around 6months to scan all the documents.
- -Total of trademark documents to be scanned =1,436,702pages
- -Total of patent documents to be scanned 80,700 Pages

Remaining issue after Phase 1

- Some document lost
- Some broken document
- The DIP's itself improper workflow of scanning documents
 - . Front File
 - . Office Document
 - . User Document

Second Phase of digitization project

- The Second Phase is not about to scan all the documents but this time is to scan only the **missing documents**.
- By using WIPOPublish EDMS, the number of document not yet scanned can see approximately like below:

Second Phase of digitization project (cont.)

- The total number of documents already scanned (513,564)
- The total number of documents require scanning is (51,078), with this number there are some documents which is having problem mostly from Madrid so the most probably amount is (34,498) around (6.7%) need to do digitization.

So, I can say that the first phase project was successfully.



Second Phase of digitization project (cont.)

- DIP believed that the second project can fix all the remaining documents not scanned yet, if the project granted.
- DIP is recently implemented the e-sign for all objections/notifications for trademark bureau.
- DIP, fully implemented paperless document for Madrid bureau, it meant that all the document issued by DIP was digitally sign, included the second action. Only the certificate which is require physical signature.
- DIP trying to see the possibility of implement e-sign for all the document very soon.

How DIP manage the archive room

How about every one manage your archive room?









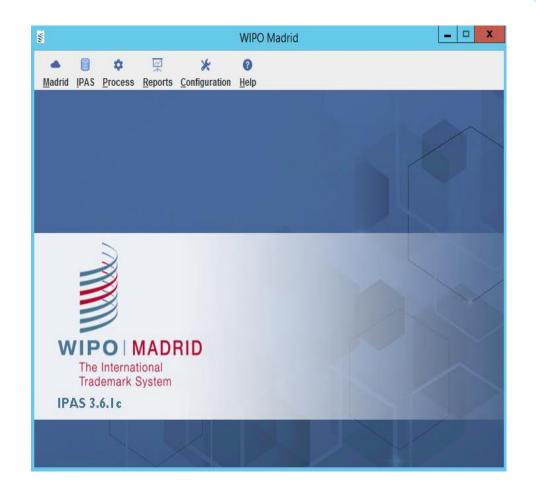


Lesson Learned

Madrid Notification

The Incoming notification from IB

- DIP automatically scheduled it to
 - 1-download,
 - 2-upload and
 - 3-process weekly on every Thursday.
- There is a utilities to upload the un-success upload pdf by using Madrid Module, so DIP frequently run that utility to make sure all the incoming notifications come with PDF.



The notification OO mostly send to IB

1.	MF3A	Total Provisional Refusal of Protection (Rule 17(1))
2.	MF3B	Partial Provisional Refusal of Protection (Rule 17(1))
3.	MF4	Statement of Total Grant of Protection (Rule 18ter(1))
4.	MF5	Statement of Total or Partial Grant of Protection Following
		a Provisional Refusal (Rule 18ter(2))
5.	MF6	Confirmation of Total Provisional Refusal (Rule 18ter(3))

https://www.wipo.int/madrid/en/contracting_parties/model_forms.html

IPAS template need to be prepared

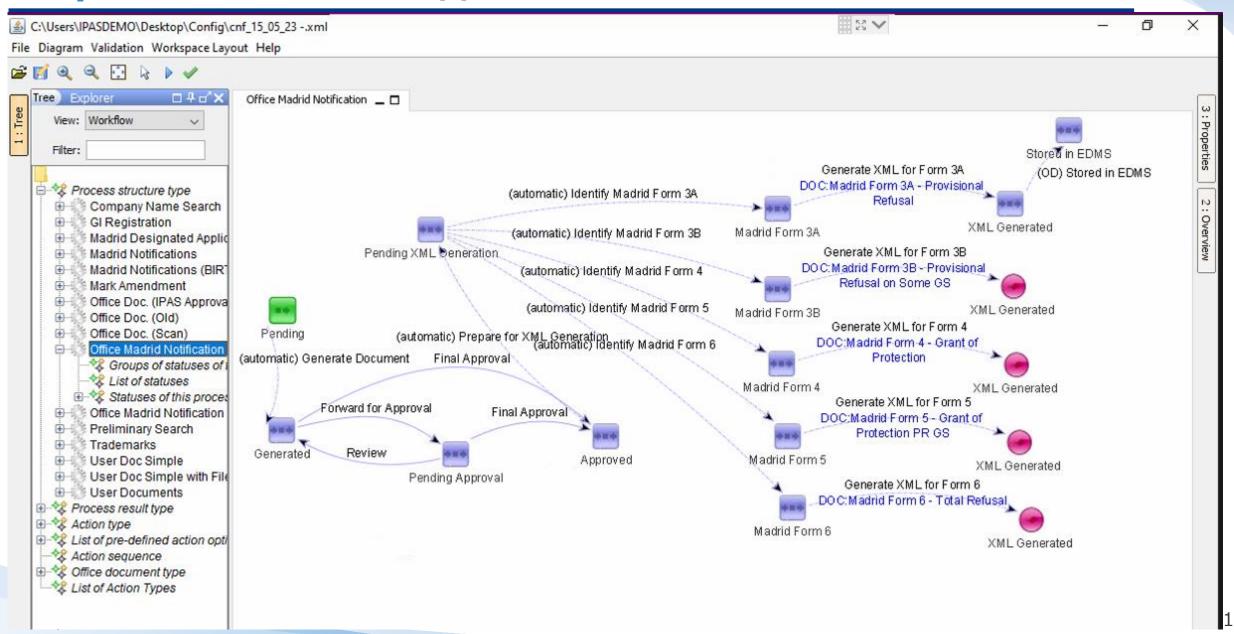
For the XML form technical team will prepare for the office.

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Things need to be done for using XML notification

- IPAS version 3.6.1c (WIPO will provide)
- Madrid Module version 3.6.1c (WIPO will provide)
- IPAS Manager 3.6.1c (WIPO will provide)
- IPAS Design 3.6.1c (WIPO will provide)
- Create new office workflow to support this feature (WIPO will provide)
- Private FTP to send to IB (WIPO will provide)
- Prepare the Word template to make its contents same as XML template
- Testing every forms which and sending to IB for checking before deploy in Production

New workflow to support XML Notification



Generated Notification

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Edit process data

File: KH/M/0/1651247 - ABK - ROK Stars Limited - (M) Await Response (Subst)

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	Action	21/05/2021 12:00:00	IPAS361	(system) Madrid Application Received		Details	
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MS-Word Template of Notification

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Department of Intellectual Property

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Kingdom of Cambodia ជាត សាសនា ព្រះមហាក្សត

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Date of Notification		
Document No.	2023/5512	

NOTIFICATION OF A PROVISIONAL REFUSAL OF PROTECTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION DESIGNATING CAMBODIA Rula 17(1)

l.	Name of the Office:
	Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Commerce Lot 19-61, Russian Boulevard, Phum Teuk Thla, Sangkat Teuk Thla, Khan Sen Sok, Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia.
II.	International registration number:
	1651247
III.	International registration date (Filing Date):
	May 21, 2021
IV.	Name of the holder:
	ROK Stars Limited
V.	Mark:
	ABIK
VI.	Goods and Services (Nice Classification)
	NCL 32
VII.	Information concerning the type of provisional refusal:
	Partial provisional refusal based on an ex officio examination.
VIII.	Information concerning the scope of the provisional refusal:
	Total provisional refusal affects all the goods and/or services.
IX.	Grounds for refusal (where applicable, see item X):
	Disclaimer The applicant should disclaim the exclusive right to use the term(s) "test" apart from the mark sought to be registered. This is pursuant to the objections concerning the registrability of the mark.

X. Information related to an earlier mark:

Where applicable the details of earlier trademarks are informed as an attachment to this form.

XI. Information relating to the subsequent procedure:

The applicant must respond in writing to this provisional refusal within sixty/60) days from receipt of the notification of this refusal from the international Bureau (IB). The response must be flied by a duly authorized resident representative in Cambodia. The representative must be appointed pursuant to Article 58 of the Law Concerning Marks, Trade Names and Acts of Unfair Competition and Article 28 of the Sub-Decree on the Implementation of the TM Law.

Pursuant to Article 17(2) of the Sub-Decree on the Implementation of the Trademark Law, the applicant or holder, through the duly authorized representative, must submit the legal arguments, the required amendments or modifications, disclaimers (on any element(s) of the mark) or limitations required within the prescribed period.

In the alternative and in accordance with Article 17(3) of the Sub-Decree on the Implementation of the Trademark Law, the holder, through the duly authorized representative, may submit a written request for a hearing to the Registrar. Upon receiving this request, the Registrar shall notify the applicant, in writing, at least one month before the date on which the applicant will be invited to be heard.

Failure to respond to the provisional refusal within the required period will result in the abandonment of the international registration.

If, after the holder's written response or hearing, the Registrar accepts the mark according to Article 19(1), the mark will be registered and the statement of grant of protection will be issued. The registered mark will then be published for opposition for a period of 90 days.

However, if after considering the applicant's response or hearing, the Registrar still refuses the registration of the mark, the applicant may, pursuant to Article 18(1), within one (1) month from the date of the communication from the Registrar, request the confirmation of the decision and the materials referred to in the decision. Under Article 18(2), the applicant may then appeal the Registrar's decision to the Appeal Board of the Ministry of Commerce or the competent count within three (3) months from the date of the decision.

All responses or communication should be addressed to: Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Commerce, Lot 19-61 113 B, Sangkat Teuk Thla Khan Sen Sok, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

XII. Signature of the Office:

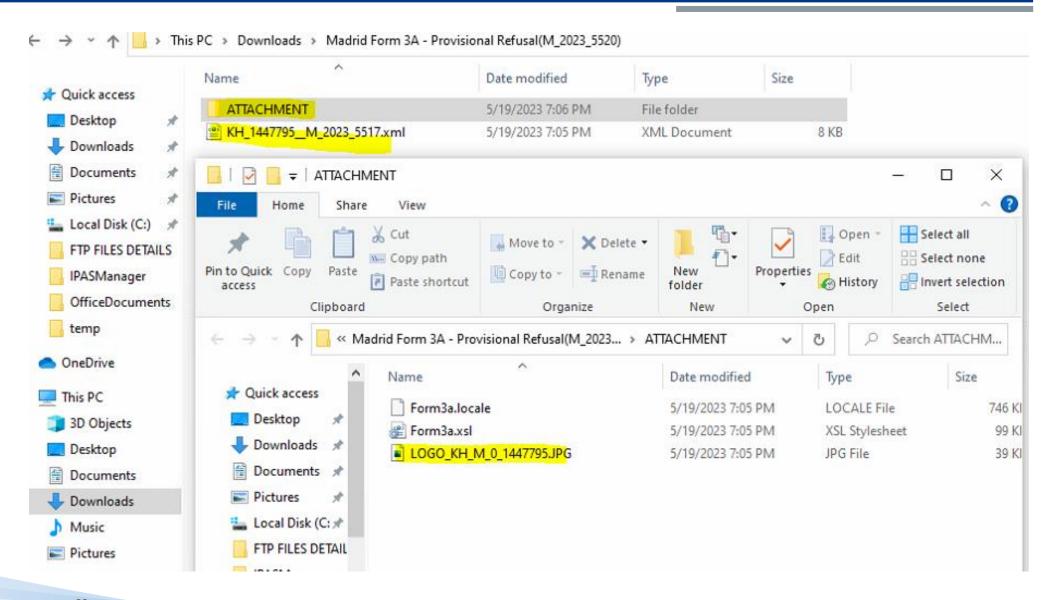
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XML zip package content XML and LOGO

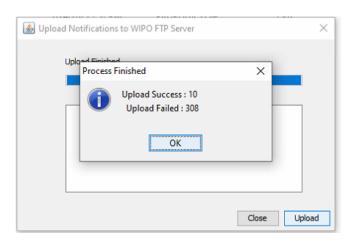


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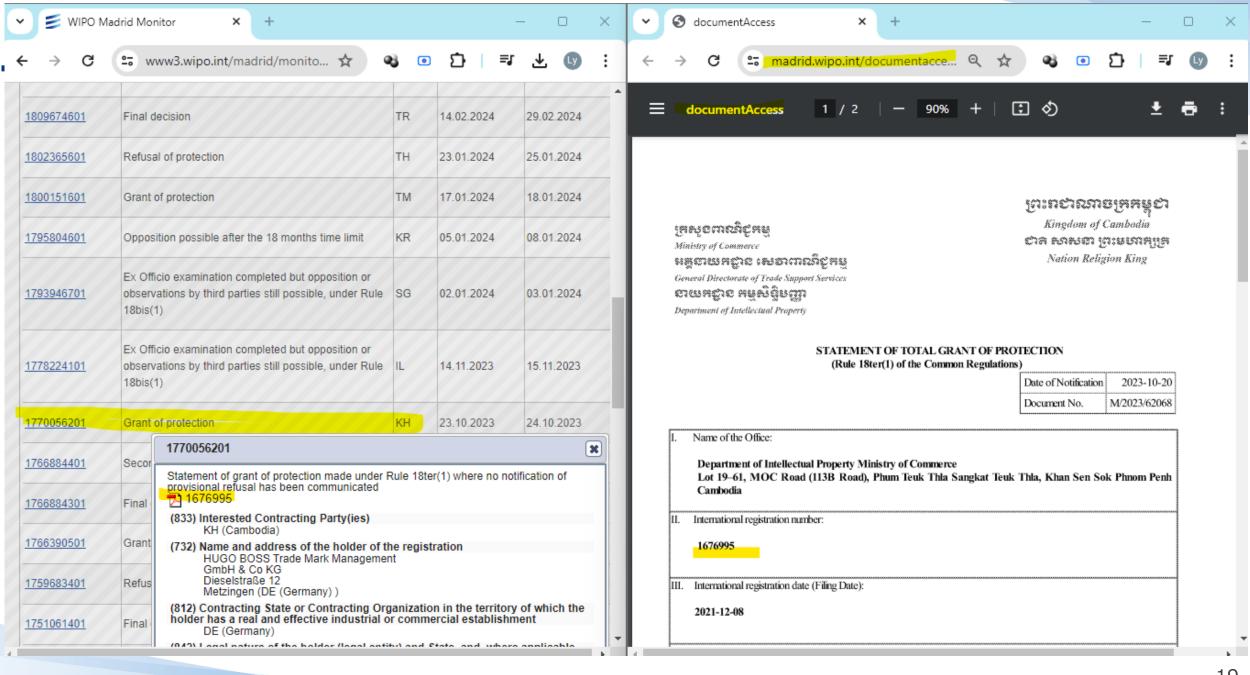
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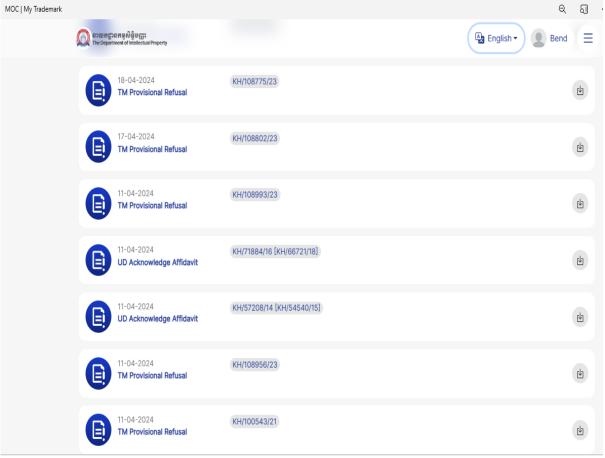


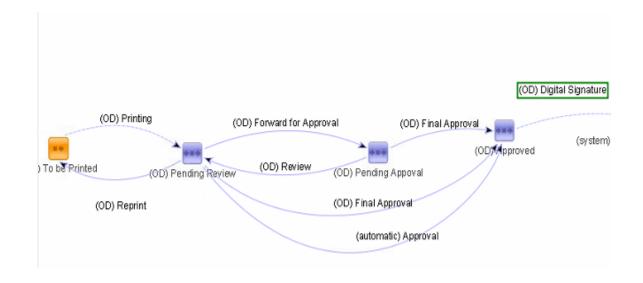
Challenges

- New form need support from expert, DIP can not do it own
- Some delay after sending from IPAS (need to monitor, some case stuck need manual intervention)
- Some delay for processing in IB, (sometime it need a week, to see the notification on Madrid Monitor), this case still need time to investigate.
- Sometime the automatic download, upload and process is not work working,
 so DIP need to manual intervention only on (process) step.

National Route Notification







គ្រសួចពាលិដ្ឋកម្ម Ministry of Commerce អគ្គនាយកដ្ឋាន សេខាពាលិដ្ឋកម្ម General Directorate of Trade Support Services នាយកដ្ឋាន កម្មសិល្លិបញ្ញា Department of Intellectual Property ព្រះពទាលាចគ្រកម្មទា Kingdom of Cambodia ខាត សាសនា ព្រះមហាក្សត្រ Nation Religion King

No.11454/R/DIP

NOTIFICATION OF A PROVISIONAL REFUSAL OF MARK REGISTRATION

We regret to inform you that the following mark have been refused for the registration because of not capable of distinguishing (Art. 4 of TM Law).

Application Number:	108802	Mark Name:	
Filing Date:	August 3, 2023	+6.0-	
Class(es):	36 and 43	數注源	
Applicant Name and Address:	Raffles International Limited (whose legal address is 1 Wallich Street #17-01 Guoco Tower, Singapore 078881)	RAFFLES	

Grounds for the Provisional Refusal:

Disclaimer

The applicant should disclaim the exclusive right to use the term(s) "Raffles" apart from the mark sought to be registered. This is pursuant to the objections concerning the registrability of the mark.

Please be informed that your legal arguments, amendments, modifications, conditions, disclaimers (on any element(s) of the mark), limitation must be reached our Department within sixty (60) days (Article 17-2 of Sub-Decree for Implementing TM law). Otherwise, your applied mark(s) will be rejected.



Local Address for Service: LPN IP AGENCY #62, St. 598, Sangkat Beoung Kak II, Khan Toul Kork, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Sincerely yours, Phnom Penh, 12/04/2024 F-Director Department of Intellectual Property

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Mr. Chhom Thavina

