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\*  
– The term “patent” covers utility models and SPCs.  
– Information related to design patent activities reported by industrial property offices issuing design patents is included in the series of documents SCIT/ATR/ID.

**RE: TASK NO. 24 OF THE SCIT WORK  
PROGRAM:  
ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORTS ON PATENT  
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ACTIVITIES IN 1999**

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**RE: ITEM I**

During the year 1999 the majority of applications received continued to be dominated by chemical applications. Of a total of seventy-seven (77) applications received, fifty seven (57) were of a chemical nature and twenty (20) were of a technical nature.

This compares to a total of sixty-one (61) applications received during the year 1998 of which forty-six (46) were of a chemical nature and fifteen (15) were of a technical nature.

Applications approved for grant of patent in 1999 totalled eighteen (18). Of this number seven (7) were of a chemical, and eleven (11) of a technical nature.

Patents approved in 1998 amounted to sixteen (16) of which eleven (11) were of a chemical nature.

**RE: ITEM II & III**

As required by the provisions of the Patent Act – a Notice of Application concerning requests for grant of patent is published in the daily newspaper and the Jamaica Gazette once a week for four (4) successive weeks. The objective of the Notice is to give the public a chance to submit any objections they may have concerning applications for grant of patent.

The Notice gives information of the name of the applicant and the title of the invention.

On the grant of patent all the supporting documents are submitted to the Office of the Registrar of Companies for storage. The public is at liberty to inspect the documentation. Lawyers, researchers and innovators regularly inspect these documents.

A Central Intellectual Property office is to be established in Jamaica during the course of the year. It is intended that this Office will function as modern and state of the art department. To this end the Office will be properly automated and employ the necessary IT techniques in the generation of information.

The proposed Office will also facilitate patent inventors and attorneys by establishing a classification system for all patent documents filed.

### **RE: ITEM VIII**

With the assistance of WIPO, the Ministry has held several training sessions and seminars for the various stakeholders – engineers, patent attorneys, inventors, school students, and the general public - all in an effort to sensitize on the value and importance of the patent system to economic development.

Some of these seminars have been designed for local interests while others have been designed for the participation of regional and Caribbean stakeholders.

The proposed Central Office will continue its sensitizing functions to ensure that all elements that utilize or require patent information in their work are properly facilitated.