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ON PATENT INFORMATION ACTIVITIES OF KAZPATENT IN 1999

- I. Some changes were done in the terms of filing applications and granting protection certificates with respect to the previous year. In 1999 the New Patent Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan was adopted.

Statistical data:	1998	1999
invention applications filed	1435	1459
■ from national applicants	1244	1351
■ from foreign applicants	191	108
protection documents issued	1162	1553
utility model applications filed	7	8
protection documents issued	5	11

- II. Kazpatent publishes:

- the monthly official Bulletin – Промышленная собственность” (“Industrial Property”), Kazakh and Russian versions;
- complete descriptions of inventions and utility models (in the language of application submission);
- regulatory – legal and instructive – methodical materials regulating industrial property object protection (in separate pamphlets).

Publications are made both in paper form and on CD-ROM.

Announcements, advertising information are published in the official Bulletin as well as in the Republic newspapers and magazines, journals.

Techniques used to produce patent information (printing, recording, etc.) are an HP5SI network printer, a CD-ROM device for recording.

Kazpatent is not engaged in microfilming and composing photos.

- III. Abstracting, reviewing and translations of patent information are, in general, fulfilled to be used by the experts of the Office. Classification, reclassification, indexing by using the hybrid system are performed by Kazpatent through IPC only.

- IV. For search purposes, CD-ROM, EPOffice/EPOrganization, WIPO and the bibliographic database of the patent documents of Kazakhstan are used.
- V. Kazpatent has the following application functional systems: filing, examining, fee paying, the State Register, publishing, archive, office activities.

All functional systems are handled by WINDOWS 95.

The equipment used: 42 IBM computers:

- of which
- 486/33 type – 3
 - Pentium 75 type – 25
 - Pentium 133 type – 5
 - Pentium 166 type – 9
 - Pentium III 600 type – 1
 - Pentium III 550 – type – 2
 - Pentium II – 400 – 1
 - HP 900 – 1

The computers are connected to the INTERNET network by means of a twisted pair and controlled by WINDOWS 95.

To store and transfer the data the following type media are used:

- CD-ROM disks;
- OMRD 5.25" magnetic-optical disks with the volume of 2.6 GB;
- 1.44 Mb 3.25" diskettes.

VI. The Republic Patent Foundation (RPF) has functioned in Kazakhstan since 1965. It is a constituent of the Republic Scientific-Technical Library (RSTL). Kazpatent has the Agreement with the RSTL under which Kazpatent transfers to the RPF all national publications and those received on the basis of interchange for the public use, without payment. Besides, Kazpatent provides all Regional Scientific-Technical Libraries of Kazakhstan as well as different Information Service Departments of industrial enterprises and educational institutions of Kazakhstan with its publications.

Kazpatent provides various reference-information services and copying patent documents at the request of the applicants.

VII. On the basis of the long-term Agreements Kazpatent makes publication interchange with the Patent Offices of the CIS countries as well as Austria, Germany, Mongolia, Japan. Interchange is fulfilled on

the paper and machine-readable media (CD-ROM) because application documentation also available on the machine-readable media allows to make filing work considerably quicker.

VIII. Kazpatent has the Refresher-Training Course Centre which organizes training courses, provides different consultations and seminars.

At the request of the Government organizations Kazpatent prepares various articles, papers, reports, reviews and recommendations.

The Authorities and leading specialists of the Office publish their articles, papers in the mass media (newspapers, radio, TV) where they explain the current Law on the industrial property object protection in Kazakhstan. For the same purpose, out-of-town workshops take place in the industrial centres of the Republic.

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