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## Annual Technical Report 2005 on Patent Information Activities submitted by The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (SCIT/ATR/PI/2005/MK)

Where URLs are requested below, it is preferred that either URLs which are likely to remain stable over time (three years or more) are provided, or home (main) page URLs are provided with a short explanation of how to access the corresponding information.

The term "patent" covers utility models and Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs). Offices which issue design patents should report their design patent information activities in their Annual Technical Reports on Industrial Design Information Activities.

### I. Evolution of patent activities

According to statistical data this Office in 2005 received 436 patent applications, or 53 domestic and 383 foreign..

The structure of the filed applications according to the International Patent Classification shows that section A (consumables) has the biggest share or 49.8% followed by section C(chemistry, metallurgy) 40.9%, which presented the structure of the production capacities in Macedonia. In 2005, the State Office for Industrial Property has granted 373 patents.

### II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, distribution and use of primary and secondary sources of patent information

The State Office of Industrial Property of The Republic of Macedonia issues official gazette "Glasnik". The Gazette is issued four times a year, every three months.

This official gazette contains publishing of recognized patents their abstracts and drawings if any. Regarding the regional European patents seeking protection for Republic of Macedonia in accordance with the Agreement on co-operation in the field of patents with the European Patent Office, the bibliographic data, patent claims and drawings are published, respectively. In addition it contains data concerning changes in respect of granted patents recorded by this Office

There are very often commentaries of actual activities in protection of the industrial property rights. The Office issues Annual Report for its activities in the former year. In this Report there is basic statistic data for patent applications and patents.

### III. Matters concerning abstracting, classifying, reclassifying and indexing of technical information contained in patent documents

All patent documentation is classified according to the IPC classification, the seventh edition. All bibliographic data are published in accordance with the suggested INID codes by WIPO standards.

### IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

The patent documentation is of paper kind and is based in the Office library. The documentation is updated continuously.

### V. Activities in the field of computerized and other mechanized search systems

This was the second consecutive year since the implementation of the IPAS software in the Office and it was marked by a significant increase in productivity resulting in an equivalent decrease in the backlog of both Trademarks and Patents.

### VI. Administration of the industrial property office library and services available to the public (relating to facilities, e.g., for lodging applications, for assisting clients on searching procedures, for obtaining official publications and registry extracts)

The Office disposes of information relating to

Information concerning patents is available in electronic format. Additional information (as application procedures and such) is available at the Office Web-site <http://www.ippo.gov.mk>.

### VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of patent documentation and information

The Office's databases are provided by mutual exchange of patent documentation with other Offices. There is CD-ROM collection of: European Patent Applications, PCT international Application (WORLD), JOPAL, ACCESS, LEGAL and the Bulletin all from the ESPACE production, and than Patent Abstracts Of Japan (PAJ CD-ROM), USAPAT, Collection of Republic of Moldova, PRECES, HUNPATÉKA and Slovenian Patent Documents on CD ROM. The Office has been receiving the said patent documentation, continuously.

The official gazette "Glasnik" issued by The Office as well as The Annual Rapport are delivered to the following countries: YU, HR, SI, BG, CZ, PL, SE, TR, AT, AL, BY, BE, KR, FR, HU, CH, UA, ER, GB, US, JP, PT, KP, RU, SK, ES, MD and FI. The Office receives gazettes and annual rapport from the next countries: AT, BG, ER, BY, MD, PL, HU, UA, FI, CZ, RU, SK, JP, YU, HR and SI. These documents are on the paper, mostly.

### VIII. Other relevant matters concerning education and training in, and promotion of, the use of patent information, including technical assistance to developing countries

State Office of industrial property of the Republic of Macedonia organizes seminars in purpose of nourishing a process of continuous innovation of knowledge of the employees and other subjects involved in the development of this area. The World Intellectual Property day, april 26th, was used by the Office as another opportunity for the affirmation of the intellectual property rights.

In 2005 at the International Trade Fair "Ideas-Inventions-New Products", held on November 3-6 in Nuremberg our inventors came out with awards and official confirmations showing again that they are able to follow the rhythm and achievements of the developed world. The Patent of the Year Award, held on December 05, for the twelfth time fulfill and confirm the goal of this ceremony envisioned as an act of nurturing, stimulating and promoting invention and creativity. As part of the CARDS Project of IP Rights (Community Assistance for Reconstruction, Development and Stabilization), for the countries of the West Balkan, there were international seminars.

In the field of the international cooperation, and particularly International Patent classification representatives from this Office have attended the 35th Session of the Committee of Experts formed by the Special Union.

## IX. Other relevant matters

1.	Classification is allotting one or more classification symbols (e.g., IPC symbols) to a patent application, either before or during search and examination, which symbols are then published with the patent application.
2.	Preclassification is allotting an initial broad classification symbol (e.g., IPC class or subclass, or administrative unit) to a patent application, using human or automated means for internal administrative purposes (e.g., routing an application to the appropriate examiner). Usually preclassification is applied by the administration of an office.
3.	Reclassification is the reconsideration and usually the replacement of one or more previously allotted classification symbols to a patent document, following a revision and the entry into force of a new version of the Classification system (e.g., the IPC). The new symbols are available on patent databases.