## FORWARDING US PRIORITY DOCUMENTS TO THE WIPO

#### Step 1: Using the Digital Access Service (DAS) to Register US Priority Documents

- 1. Launch <u>https://webaccess.wipo.int/priority\_documents/</u>. Enter US as the <u>two letter</u> country code and enter the application number into Application Info fields.
- 2. Enter the access code (this is the US confirmation number of the application and can be found on the EFS-Web Electronic Acknowledgment Receipt document and the filing receipt).
- 3. Enter the CAPTCHA text and click Submit

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Figure 1: Registration of US application

4. The below screen will launch. Enter applicant's name, email address, and click "Submit". The email information given will be used by the DAS to notify the applicant of the application accessibility confirmation status (Registered, Not-Registered, Access Control Code (ACC) Invalid, or Application was not found) by the office of first filing (OFF).

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Figure 2: Applicant's email information for confirmation status notification

5. The below screen will be displayed. The applicant will receive an email regarding their accessibility confirmation status once the registration request has been completely processed. This process will take at least one business day.

For successful "Registered" status, all of the following criteria must be met.

- a. The US application number and access code (a.k.a. confirmation number) are correct and matched.
- b. At least one of the following criteria:
  - i. The application has published –OR-
  - ii. The applicant has submitted the proper authorization to the USPTO in a separate document (e.g., Form PTO/SB/01 or PTO/SB/39) to release the application for this purpose **AND** the application has cleared national security review. Form PTO/SB/01 can be found at <u>http://www.uspto.gov/web/forms/sb0001.pdf</u> and Form PTO/SB/39 at <u>http://www.uspto.gov/web/forms/sb0039.pdf</u>.

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Email	john.doe@patent.com	

Figure 3: Registration is being processed

6. Once the accessibility confirmation status, "Registered" is received, log into DAS and click the "Update Access Control List" tab. And select the appropriate participating Accessing Office(s) to grant access to this US application and click "Update"

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Figure 4: Access Control List Management

# **Step 2: Forwarding US Priority Documents To the WIPO**

- 1. The USPTO can exchange priority documents via the DAS with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The WIPO accesses "Registered" US priority applications for DAS participating accessing Offices. Please refer to the following WIPO's Web site for the current listing of the participating accessing Offices: <u>http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/pdocforum/participating.html</u>
- 2. If you are filing an application in a DAS participating accessing Office and you want the WIPO to retrieve one or more US priority documents from the USPTO for placement in that application file:
  - a. Check with the WIPO or DAS participating accessing office for instructions on how requests for retrieval of US documents should be filed. *Prerequisite:* Applicant must have successfully "Registered" with the DAS accessibility confirmation for the intended retrieval of the US priority document(s) as described above in Step 1.
  - b. The USPTO will release a priority document to the WIPO ONLY if the US application meets at least one of the following criteria:
    - i. The application has been published.

–OR-

ii. The applicant has submitted the proper authorization (e.g., Form <u>PTO/SB/01</u> or <u>PTO/SB/39</u>) to the USPTO in a separate document to

release the application for this purpose <u>AND</u> the application has cleared national security review.

- 3. Form PTO/SB/01 can be found at <u>http://www.uspto.gov/web/forms/sb0001.pdf</u> and Form PTO/SB/39 at <u>http://www.uspto.gov/web/forms/sb0039.pdf</u>.
- 4. For authorization, please submit Form PTO/SB/01 or Form PTO/SB/39 using one of the routes indicated below:
  - a. electronically via EFS-Web
    - i. For PTO/SB/01, select document description "Oath or Declaration filed" under the category Application Part
    - ii. For PTO/SB/38, select document description "Authorization to access Appl. by Trilateral Office" under the category Priority Documents.
  - b. mailed to the usual USPTO mailing address:

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

- c. Only Form PTO/SB/39 can be faxed to the usual Central Fax number (571-273-8300)
- 5. The USPTO will send a notice to applicant if the submitted PTO/SB/39 does not meet USPTO requirements under the DAS program (e.g.; signature provided is not an attorney or agent of record).
- 6. At the present time the WIPO cannot retrieve foreign priority documents contained within a US application
- 7. The USPTO and WIPO will not charge any fees to the applicant for this service.

### **Instructions For Completion Of Form PTO/SB/01**

1. On the first page of the Oath (Declaration), place a checkmark inside the checkbox under "Authorization to Permit Access to Applicant by Participating Offices" paragraph. Please see sample below.

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Figure 5: PTO/SB/01 Form

### **Instructions For Completion Of Form PTO/SB/39**

- 2. In the upper right-hand corner of the form (the section marked "1" in the attached below sample), please enter as much identifying information as you have available about the US application to which you are authorizing access.
- 3. In the box labeled "2", please insert the title of the US application to which you are authorizing access.
- 4. The form must be signed in the area labeled "3" in accordance with 37 CFR 1.14(c).

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Figure 6: PTO/SB/39 Form

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