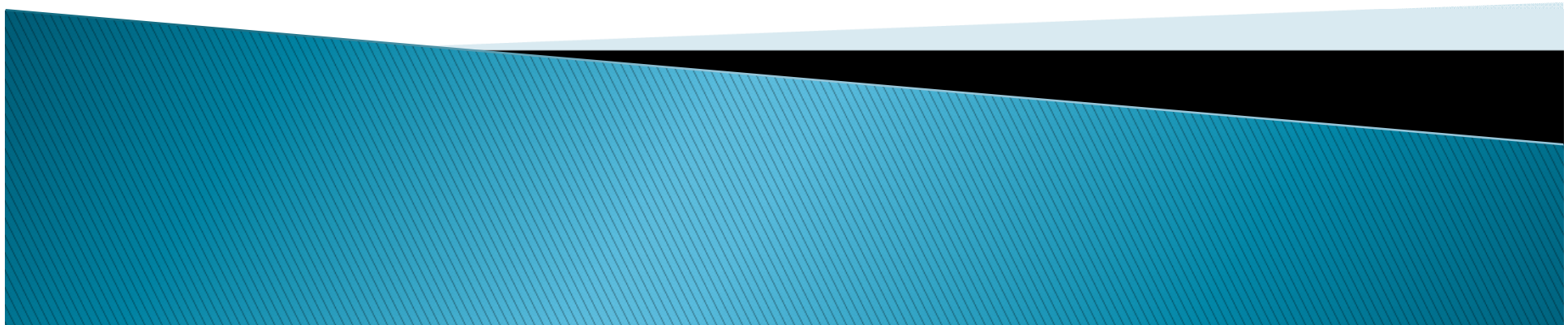


Summary of Discussion on 2014 IP5 Heads/Industry Meeting (Input from Industry IP5)

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Active Component of GD

- ▶ EPO's Suggestions from survey respondents :

- [Interim term]

- one consistent application number
 - completing forms requiring inventors' signatures once at initial filing
 - electronic exchange of priority documents
 - standardizing translation deadlines across the IP5

- [Long term]

- one format for application form
 - English as accepted as official language across IP5
 - one mailbox for IP5
 - one examination report valid across IP5



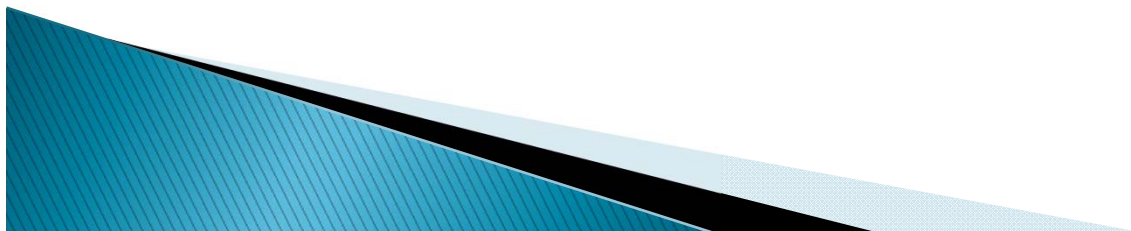
Comments and Questions (1)

- ▶ EPO – Referencing the recent WG2 meeting in May – EPO will take a lead in gathering information from user consultations. Plan is to be heavily in touch with user groups for discussions prior to January GDTF meeting. Need help and assistance with standardizing/sorting names of businesses.



Comments and Questions (2)

- ▶ USPTO – Following May WG2 meeting, the USPTO contemplated issues related to cross filing. The USPTO is trying to reuse previous IT work to provide useful services. Possible way forward is based on current systems – after successful electronic filing in one office, the applicant can notify of intent to file at selected offices. The selected office can then retrieve selected files from the original offices – similar to ‘priority document exchange’.



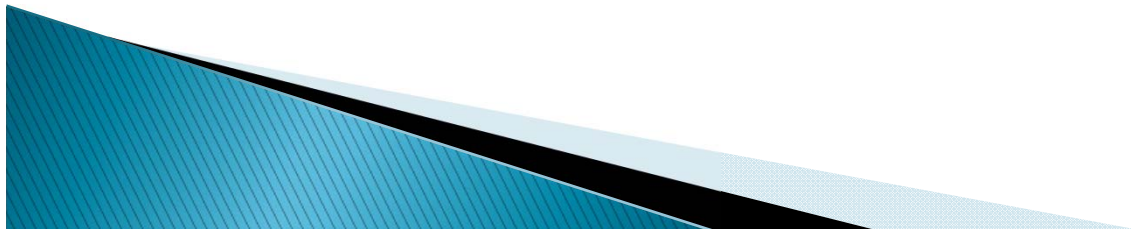
Comments and Questions (3)

- ▶ KIPO – Industry can enjoy the benefits of cross-filing, but legal and technical issues need to be addressed.
- ▶ JPO – JPO is in the process of collecting feedback from industry. By January next year, there will be more to discuss among the IP5 offices. JPO notes that users' needs seem to include relatively feasible items such as increasing acceptance of CAF and lightening procedures for the PDX.



Comments and Questions (4)

- ▶ SIPO – SIPO is also collecting industry feedback and seeing what it can do within the existing legal framework.



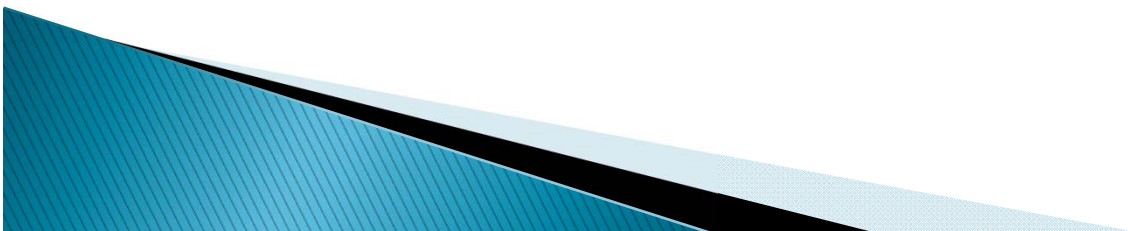
Additional Comments (1)

- ▶ BE – In reference to plans for standardization of applicants' name – Is there anything else the EPO can share?
- ▶ KIPO – Samsung was using 23 names for its applications, making it difficult for examiners and searches. KIPO has created a database for a 'representative' applicant names.



Additional Comments (2)

- ▶ AIPLA – Recognizes progress with passive component. Points out the lack of industry involvement since last user participation in GDTF meeting. AIPLA wishes to keep momentum going in preparation for next meeting. AIPLA would like more user involvement in GD in shorter term. In future, will take a more ‘aggressive position’ over the timing of such meetings.



Additional Comments (3)

- ▶ SIPO – (Next host of GDTF meeting) Next GDTF meeting will be held in the last week of January 2015 concurrently with the next WG2 meeting. Still discussing specifics/schedule for meeting. Next Heads Industry Meeting will be in mid-May in the next year.
 - ▶ EPO – It is more important that we deliver projects. Implementation of the passive form has been done in less than two years. EPO understands the frustration of industry, but it is more realistic and pragmatic to go step-by-step, and we have plenty of opportunities to receive industry feedback.
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