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Status update on Global Dossier Task Force

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WHAT IS IT?

An Information Technology system that can support the following functions:

- Cross Filing and Portfolio Management
- Work sharing between Offices
- Real-time collaboration of examiner-applicant, examinerexaminer, and third-party
- Machine translation
- Exchange of non-patent literature citations
- Support for due diligence for acquisitions, licensing, appeals, litigation

ADVANTAGES TO USERS

- Better manage intellectual capital while saving costs
- Provide One Stop View
- Facilitate preplanned cross-filings
 - Easy Re-Filing in Other Offices
 - Prevent inadvertent loss of rights
 - Provide one-portal to manage applications with secure access
- Benefit from new technology, such as machine translations
- Eliminate duplicate filings of priority documents

ADVANTAGES TO OFFICES

 Higher Efficiency - Access to search and examination details of other offices

Global Compatibility

 Higher Quality – Enhanced Work Sharing and Collaboration

Past Work on Development of GLOBAL DOSSIER

Trilateral Offices

 Initially proposed by the USPTO in 2011 and further developed with the JPO

IP5 Offices

- In June 2012, IP5 agreed to move forward on the Global Dossier
- In January 2013, IP5 held Working Group meeting with Users in The Hague (Last User Participation in Working Group)

WIPO

 Vancouver Group partnered with WIPO on Centralized Access to Search and Examination (CASE).

Recent Developments

- EPO has developed online tool with EPO data, as well as SIPO, JPO, USPTO and KIPO.
- Will be transitioned over to Espacenet, which will allow input of any national application number or patent number for a patent family member.
- USPTO plans to use Patents End-to-End to implement Global Dossier.
- FY15 budget includes 20 Global Dossier related projects.
- IP5 information will be available to USPTO examiners in 2014, and available to the public later.

Recent Developments

- KIPO developing its own Global Dossier tool
- AIPLA/IPO would like USPTO and EPO's Global Dossier interface to provide same content and similar functionality to provide consistency for users.
- AIPLA and IPO would like a meeting of Global Dossier Task Force in mid-2014, possibly in U.S.