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An annual series of reports on the industrial design information activities
of members of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies

¹ – The expression “industrial design” covers designs and models.
– Information related to design patent activities reported by industrial property offices issuing design patents is included in this series of documents.

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I. Evolution of registration activities:

- Changes experienced in terms of application filings and grants (registrations) with respect to the previous year;

There are no changes in terms of application filings and registrations with respect to the previous year.

- Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year.

Years	2000	2001
Applications	35	33
Registrations	31	15

II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, and distribution of industrial design documents and of secondary sources of industrial design information, i.e., official gazettes:

- Publishing, including printing, copying techniques and electronic printing;
During the reported period 23 Official Bulletins were issued.

- Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of industrial design information;

Main types of announcements of the Office are as follows:

- the filing number;
- the application number;
- the filing and priority dates;
- the data of the applicant;
- the title of the industrial design;
- the data relating to the patent attorney;
- image photos, drawings);
- the description and some additional materials;
- the data concerning the earlier application (if the convention priority is claimed).

Decisions of the Chamber of Appeals.

- Mass storage media and microforms used;

The Official Bulletin in Georgian language is published on paper and CD-ROM discs.

- Databases and office automation.

The cycle of the application processing is fully automated (Paradox for DOS).

III. Matters concerning classifying, reclassifying and indexing of industrial design information according to the classification systems applied:

- Classification and reclassification activities; Classification system used, e.g., International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification), other classification (please indicate whether industrial designs are classified by your Office and, if so, which classification is used);

The office uses International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification).

- Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes.

Bibliographic data are used for search in card files and database. The search file contains the filing date, classification, title, graphic reproduction and textual description of applications.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

- File building;

There is a collection on paper and searchable database of the registered industrial designs in Georgian language.

- Updating;
- Storage, including mass storage media;

The information on industrial designs is contained in the Official Bulletin published both on paper and CD-ROM discs in Georgian language.

- Documentation from other offices maintained and/or considered part of the available search file.

The office receives from the WIPO the International Designs Bulletin on paper and CD-ROMs.

V. Activities in the field of computerized search systems for industrial designs:

- In-house systems (online/offline);

There is a searchable database for industrial designs (in Georgian language) used for examination purposes. The database is accessible from the examiners' workplaces.

- External databases;
- Administrative management systems (e.g., register, legal status, statistics, administrative support, etc.);

In 2001 the automated system development program was implemented, that included;

- development of the users software by means of the database management system "Oracle", the modern versions of Oracle Jdeveloper, and on the basis of existing program complexes;
- expanding of the network infrastructure so that an interested outer user shall be provided with information service by Internet, as well as online.
- modernization of technical means in stages – use of modern computer complexes, information exchange and processing of graphic information.

The final target of the development program is the creation of flexible system that shall provide the fully automated cycle from filing the application to grant of the patent and full control of the application procedure in this technological cycle.

- Equipment used (hardware, including the types of terminal and network used, and software), data carriers used.

In the automated system up to 14 kinds of workstations are used which are as follows:

- filing and initial processing workstation;
- examiner's workstation;
- Bulletin formatting and printing workstations;
- Registry keeping workstation;
- workstation for monitoring the payments;
- officials' workstations;
- the automated system of Sakpatenti is based on a powerful LAN comprising 102 (total number) workstations and 5 servers. It is a fast (100Mbps) network based on 12 port switches. 3 items of 3Com Supertack and 1 item of ATM Switch 3Com Corebuilder and 7000 connect the local Hubs and 4 powerful servers of the system. Each workstation is equipped with a printer, UPS and have CD-ROM, as well as DVD drives.

On 3 servers of the LAN the network operating system WIN NT4.0 and on 1 server MS Windows 2000 is installed. Paradox V.4.5 for DOS is used for the database management.

VI. Administration of industrial design services available to the public (relating to facilities, e.g., for lodging applications, registering designs, assisting clients with search procedures, obtaining official publications and registry extracts):

- Planning, administration, automation, security;

For the end of 2002 the existing database management system shall be substituted with the database management system "Oracle", the modern versions of Oracle Jdeveloper,

- Collection management, preservation;
- Information services available to the public (including computerized services and search files contained in libraries remote from your Office and industrial design information posted by your Office on the World Wide Web).

The services that shall be available for the public in this field are being planned.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of industrial design documentation and information:

- International or regional cooperation in the exchange of industrial design information, e.g., in the form of official gazettes;

The exchange in the form of official gazettes is effected with a number of foreign countries.

- Exchange of machine-readable information, e.g., data contained on CD-ROM or magnetic tape.

The Official Bulletins on CD-ROMs containing information relating to industrial designs is regularly sent to the foreign industrial property offices.

VIII. Matters concerning education and training including technical assistance to developing countries:

- Promotional activities (seminars, exhibitions, visits, advertising, etc.);
- Training courses for national and foreign participants;
- Assistance to developing countries (sending consultants and experts, receiving trainees from developing countries, etc.).

IX. Other relevant matters.

In 2001 all the documents were prepared and submitted to the Government for accession of Georgia to the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs and Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs. The accession is expected to be implemented in 2002.

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