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<sup>1</sup> – The term “patent” covers utility models and SPCs.  
– Information related to design patent activities reported by industrial property offices issuing design patents is included in the series of documents SCIT/ATR/ID.

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### I. Evolution of patent activities:

Application filings and grants in 2001:

- 78 patent applications filed direct with the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania (SPB), from which 87.2% applications originating in Lithuania (including 3 PCT international applications)
- 45 PCT international applications commenced the national phase
- 3016 patent applications published, from which 95.7% European patent applications extended to Lithuania
- 128 Lithuanian patents granted
- 202 European patents enforced in Lithuania.

Compared with 2000 the number of:

- national filings decreased by 4.9%
- filings originating in Lithuania increased by 3.0%
- Lithuanian grants decreased by 13.5%
- published European patent applications extended to Lithuania increased by 3.3%
- European patents enforced in Lithuania is higher by 7.4%.

Agriculture, Organic Chemistry, Medicine, Biochemistry remain the leading areas as reflected in patent filings 1995 - 2001.

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

Official patent publications of the SPB are:

- Patent applications (A documents) open for public inspection on request
- Patent Specifications (B documents) printed
- Official Gazette on Inventions, Industrial Designs, Trademarks and Service Marks, Firm Names.

The Official Gazette contains announcements published in 2001 on the:

- Lithuanian Patents/Applications:
  - Published applications (A documents)
  - Published PCT international applications (A documents)
  - Withdrawn applications

- Granted patents (B documents)
- Lapsed patents
- Transfer of patents
- Licensing
- Changes: in the name/address of the grantee/attorney
- Rectifications
- European extensions:
  - Published applications
  - Withdrawn applications
  - Published patents
  - Invalidation of extension
  - Cancellation of extension
  - Transfer of patents
  - Changes: in the name/address of the grantee
  - Rectifications.

Sections of the Official Gazette are coded in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.17.

The Official Gazette and Patent Specifications are prepared using DTP tools, printed and may be obtained at Patent Information Centre (PIC), the structural unit of Lithuanian Technical Library.

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

Patent Specifications contain abstracts filed by applicants.

Patent applications published in 2001 have been classified in accordance with the seventh edition of the International Patent Classification (IPC).

Internationally agreed Numbers for the Identification of Data (INID codes) relating to patents were used in the Register, Official Gazette and Patent Specifications.

### IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

The internal file of the SPB contains the Lithuanian patent publications and the following CD-ROM and DVD-ROM databases:

- ESPACE-EP-A
- ESPACE-EP-B+ACCESS
- ESPACE-WORLD
- ESPACE-ACCESS
- ESPACE-FIRST
- ESPACE-BULLETIN
- ESPACE-PRECES+ACCESS
- ESPACE-LEGAL
- ESPACE-SI
- ESPACE-ACCESS-EUROPE.

At the end of the year, the stocks of the PIC contained over 26 million patent documents. In 2001, over 1.9 million documents were acquired.

Last year, PIC stocks were enriched by patent specifications from 21 countries and organizations (BG, CA, CH, CZ, DE, EP, FI, FR, GB, HU, JP, LT, LV, NO, PL, RO, RU, SE, SK, US, WO).

Bibliographic and first-page data on CD-ROM and DVD discs were used for the search for patent information: ESPACE ACCESS (bibliography of European and PCT international patent applications), ESPACE ACCESS-PRECES (patent bibliography of Eastern and Central Europe countries), PAJ (patent abstracts of Japan in English), GLOBALPat (first pages of WIPO, EPO, USA, Great Britain's, German, French and Swiss patents), Patents BIB (bibliography of USA patent documents), DEPAROM-KOMPAKT (bibliography of German patent documents), BREF (bibliography of French, WIPO and EPO patent applications), Izobretenija stran mira (WIPO, EPO, USA, Japan's, Great Britain's, German, French and Swiss patent abstracts in Russian), Russia's patent abstracts.

Public users have a possibility to use the following PIC DVD-ROM and CD-ROM databases:

- ESPACE-EP-A
- ESPACE-WORLD
- ESPACE-ACCESS
- ESPACE ACCESS-EUROPE
- ESPACE-CH
- Schweizerisches Patent-, Muster- und Markenblatt
- ESPACE-DK
- ESPACE-PRECES+ACCESS
- ESPACE-DE
- DEPAROM-ACT
- DEPAROM-KOMPAKT
- BREF
- JPO CD-ROM A&U
- JPO CD-ROM B&Y
- PAJ CD-ROM
- Patenty Rossiji
- Izobretenija stran mira
- CD-BOPI
- Canadian Patent Applications
- Patents BIB
- USAPat
- GLOBALPat.

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

In 2001 the Register of Patents was a database (Informix) containing all the bibliographic and legal status data on patents changes of names and addresses and licence and transfer agreements included.

The CD-ROM and DVD-ROM databases as mentioned in Section IV were available in 2001 at the SPB and PIC.

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 Register of Patents is open to public access only in the following form:

- Extract from the Register (on request)
- Official Gazette.

Lithuanian Patent Specifications (“B” documents) are available on ESPACE-PRECES CD-ROM as well as on [esp@cenet](mailto:esp@cenet).

In 2001 the provision of the most recent issue of the Official Gazette of the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania monthly on the SPB Web site continued (<http://www.is.lt/vpb/>).

PIC offers to its visitors the opportunity to get acquainted with a wide range of Lithuanian publications: Official Gazettes of the SPB, full patent specifications in paper and CD-ROM format, patent applications, patent bibliography on CD-ROMs, annual reports by the SPB, sets of communications and regulations.

The year 2001 saw the registration of over a thousand subscribers who were handed about 590 thousand documents for use in the reading-room or lent for use at home. The main customers of PIC were university students, staff members of private companies and education establishments, patent attorneys. The visitors of PIC can be consulted on the spot as well as by telephone or e-mail. The PIC is an access provider to the website <http://www.tb.lt/PIC/PIC.htm>, and provides an opportunity to order patent search.

The official industrial property publications of the SPB may be obtained at the PIC.

The distribution of official patent publications of the SPB in foreign states and intergovernmental organisations on the basis of mutual exchange is effected also by the PIC.

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

In 2001, the bibliographic and legal status data on the Lithuanian Patent Applications, PCT Applications, Lithuanian Patents, and European Patents were supplied to the EPO and Hungarian Company ARCANUM on a regular monthly basis to be published on PRECES, EPIDOS-INPADOC, Register of European Patents as well as on [esp@cenet](mailto:esp@cenet).

ESPACE-PRECES CD-ROMs are distributed by the Hungarian Patent Office.

Several libraries of Lithuanian universities and specialised research libraries free of charge with ESPACE-PRECES CD-ROMs obtained from the Hungarian Patent Office are supplied by PIC.

Exchange of priority documents can be effected and patent applications can be filled only on paper.

In 2001 the official gazette of the SPB was distributed in 44 foreign states and intergovernmental organisations (AM, AT, BA, BG, BY, BX, CA, CH, CZ, DE, DK, EE, EM, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, JP, KG, KZ, LV, MC, MD, MK, NO, PL, RO, RU, SE, SI, SK, TJ, TM, TR, UA, US, UZ, WO, YU) on the basis of mutual exchange.

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

In April 2001, the Lithuanian Technical Library gallery housed the exhibition “Industrial Property Protection in Lithuania” dedicated to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SPB and the first commemoration of the World Intellectual Property Day.

Last year, the PIC convened several seminars on industrial property. The seminar on the European patent law organised by the European Patent Office (EPO) in co-operation with the European Patent Institute, the Centre for International Industrial Property Studies, the SPB and the Lithuanian Technical Library was held on 7-11 May 2001.

Lithuanian specialists also took part (in the framework of the PHARE-RIPP) in the following events:

- PATLIB2001 in Dublin (IE)
- EAC 2001/PATINNOVA in Cardiff (GB).

IX. Other relevant matters.

During the year 2001 the replies of the Lithuanian party to SCIT Circulars were directed to WIPO and the formats of the publication and exchange of the Lithuanian industrial property data based on WIPO standards were determined.

In 2001, Lithuanian industrial property statistical data were submitted to WIPO to be published in its publication “Industrial Property Statistics”.

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