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This bulletin is distributed on a periodic basis to keep you informed of changes in special projects, procedures, personnel, systems, and other activities concerning the Public Search Facilities. We welcome your comments and suggestion for future issues.

**RELOCATION CORNER**

With the Public Search Facility move to Alexandria approaching we have tried to answer some of the more frequently asked customer questions below:

**Will the Public Facilities Close During the Move?**

The Public Search Facilities will remain OPEN regular hours during the move. The move will begin after closing hours on September 24, 2004, (after 5:00 p.m. for the Trademark Search Library and after 8:00 p.m. for the Patent Search Room). The Public Search Facility in Alexandria will open Monday, September 27, 2004 at 8:00 am. The Trademark Paper Facility will also open in the South Tower at 8 a.m. on September 27, 2004.

**What are the Operating Hours at Carlyle?**

The hours of operation will remain the same for each facility as they are today. The Public Search Facility will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Trademark Paper Facility will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Neither facility will be open on federal holidays.

**What is the closest Metro to the Alexandria Facility?**

The Eisenhower or King Street Metro stop are the closest to the new USPTO campus. A tunnel is now open to provide access under Duke Street, for those using the King Street Metro stop. Eisenhower may be a bit closer for access to the Madison building which houses the Public Search Facility.

**What about the Cafeteria?**

The USPTO cafeteria will not be open by September 24, but should be completed by the end of the calendar year 2004.

**REMOVAL OF APPLICATIONS  
FROM UPWS**

Several applications are being removed from UPWS on August 31, 2004. With the removal of the classified paper collection, the portion of the Patent Paper Locator (PatPapLoc) to find the location of classified paper patents in the Patent Search Room (PSR) is unnecessary and will be removed. The location of the examiner search rooms, a second feature to the PatPapLoc selection will remain in place. Two other applications being removed at the same time are TMRegCert and TMAQuery from the Trademark Search Library (TMSL) UPWS terminals. Copies of the Trademark certificates are now available in TICRS (Trademark Image Capture Retrieval System) and on USAMark. TMAQuery, which searches trademark assignment information, has been updated to the AHD (Assignment Historical Database).

**IMAGE FILE WRAPPER ON  
PUBLIC PAIR**

The Image File Wrapper (IFW) was placed on Public PAIR (Patent Application and Information Retrieval) in early August. IFW allows the public to track the status of published applications as they proceed through the application process. Public PAIR/IFW can be accessed from the PTO website, [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov), using the link **Status---IFW** under Patents. Customers can use the PAIR menu button from any UPWS workstation. Public users can choose to select all the documents within an Image File Wrapper or select only specific documents to download and view.

Certified copies of the full contents of the patent application file, including all non-patent literature are available from the Office of Public Records. Links for ordering either the certified application as filed or the certified file wrapper are available on the screen.

## TRADEMARK REFERENCE BOOKS

The TMSL has received Release 52 (July 2004) of the Mathew Bender LexisNexis publication "Trademark Protection and Practice". In this update, USPTO plans for the electronic filing of international applications under the Madrid Protocol are discussed. Pending legislation on trademarks is also discussed. This information has been filed in the 10-volume loose-leaf set, housed under the dictionary stand near the Information Desk. Revision 1 (March 2004) to the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the "Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure (TBMP)" was also received as part of this update. It is filed with the reference books behind the TMSL Information Desk.

## PAPER TM REGISTRATIONS NOW UP-TO-DATE

The filing backlog of paper trademark registration certificates has been eliminated, and the files are now current.

## FAREWELLS

Catherine Hollan, Manager, Public Search Facilities, will retire from the USPTO on September 2, 2004 after 31 years of federal service. We congratulate her and wish her the very best.

Doug Bourgeois, Chief Information Officer for USPTO since 2001, will leave on September 3, 2004 to take a position with the Department of Interior as Director of its National Business Center.

Anne H. Chasser, Commissioner for Trademarks, will leave the USPTO on September 1, 2004. Ms. Chasser joined the USPTO as a special advisor in September 1999 and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks in November 1999. Following the enactment of the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999, Ms. Chasser was appointed Commissioner for Trademark in March 2000. During her tenure, the USPTO's trademark operation initiated many advances in electronic government.

## CONSTRUCTION IN THE TMSL

Construction for the new File Information Unit (FIU) area and the changes to the Trademark Search Library began in earnest this month. Framing for the new south end walls of the FIU were placed near the bound volume area. The bound volume area will remain open and available to users during the construction.

## PRINTING CHANGES IN TICRS

TMSL customers using TICRS on the UPWS may now view and print images that previously appeared as compressed "strips" within a TICRS record. These were generally attachments to office actions and multiple page specimens such as brochures or magazines (see 78/187728 Office Actions). Now, the software program automatically converts these documents to individual pages and prints one page per sheet of paper. No action is required by the user to convert images for printing. To view these documents as full size images, increase the size of the document by clicking on the tool bar. NOTE: Changing the viewing size has no effect on the size of the printed image.

## STATUS REPORT

### Information on Microfilm (No Longer Updated)

#### Patents

Utility	-	6,009,554	-	Dec. 28, 1999
Design	-	D418,272	-	Dec. 28, 1999
Reissue	-	RE36,478	-	Dec. 28, 1999
SIR	-	H1,825	-	Dec. 07, 1999

#### Trademarks

Registrations - 2,626,999 - Sept. 24, 2002

### Current Pat/TM CDWS/LAN

#### Cassis2 :

Patents BIB	-	June 2004
Patents CLASS	-	June 2004
Patents ASSIST	-	Mar. 2004
Assignments	-	May 2004/Nov. 2003
Trademarks BIB	-	Jun. 2003/Feb. 2004
Trademarks ASSIST	-	Jun. 2002
Patents USAPat	1999 -	June 1, 2004
Trademarks USAMark	1870 -	Feb. 2004
Assignment Images		
Patents	-	Reel 14326
Trademarks	-	Reel 2892

### TM Paper Classified File (Designs & Words)

- Filed through Jul. 27, 2004  
Missing issue Jun 22, 2004