Patent Public Advisory Committee Meeting
Patent Process Reengineering Update

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Progress to Date

Results reported at April 14, 2011

PPAC meeting:

☑ Restriction Practice
☑ Double Patenting
☑ Color Drawings
☑ Classification/Transfer
☑ Enhancing Technical Knowledge
☑ CRU
☑ Pre-Examination
☑ Post-Examination
Applicant/Office Interface

- Applicant controls own data
- Interview button in PAIR
- IDS reference submission format, electronic self-management
- System to allow applicant to review, change, and validate all data prior to publication
- Improve customer support through increased education, outreach
Ongoing Efforts

Phase I:

- IDS
- PCT
- Petitions
- Application/Publication/Patent Numbering
- Management Operations
Ongoing Efforts (cont.)

Phase II: (early stages)

- Sequence Listings
- National Stage (371) Case Processing
- Corps Processing Appeal/Pre-Appeal
- Cooperative Patent Classification
- Models, Exhibits, and Artifacts Submission
- BPAI/Patents Interface
Phase III: (near future)

- Internal Data Requirements
- Support Staff
Issues

- Funding
- Resources
- Policy Decisions
Next Steps

• Collaboration in development process
• Assisting with developing training/implementation of new processes
• Continue to identify areas for analysis based on stakeholder input