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To: eReference

Subject: FW: E-REFERENCE FIX

Dear EBC:

I have successfully used the E-Patent Reference Tool from a stand alone PC with a simple DSL connection.

It works superbly.

In the enterprise environment, however, I would like to suggest that the following functionality be implemented:

That E-Patent Reference be updated such that it can take advantage of the manual proxy settings afforded now by JAVA Web Start 1.4.2.

Our router, like many router configurations, blocks all outbound port 80 web traffic except for traffic that has first passed through the PROXY server.

We therefore configure all of our IP enabled applications (and our web browsers) to use a PROXY server so that the traffic can then make it through to the web.

It makes for tight security without (usually) limiting any access at all.

Consequently, although our firewall does allow access to the web sites that you mention:

<http://patimg1.uspto.gov>

<http://patimg2.uspto.gov>

<http://aiw1.uspto.gov>

<http://aiw2.uspto.gov>

E-Patent Reference 1.0 still fails to complete the download. It loses connection because the JAVA application (as it is currently written) does not arrive at our outbound router via our PROXY server. (Again,

the JAVA app needs to be able to transport via a PROXY server in order to make it through the router to the firewall and then to the web.)

According to JAVA, with regard to JAVA runtime environment 1.4.2, they do in fact allow 3rd parties to write applications that take advantage of the manual PROXY settings in Java Web Start 1.4.2. For this reason, we would like the E-Patent Reference Tool to take advantage of this functionality that is now available in JAVA. Our router and firewall configuration is not at all unique. We are certain that other corporate-sized law firms will also benefit from this proposed upgrade.

Sincerely,

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