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23.12.2004 Gulf Cooperation Council (GC) - new patent issuing authority in EPO databases

We are pleased to announce that the bibliographic data for patents issued by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GC), will shortly be available in DOCDB and EPODOC. This authority covers the states of Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. The first patents were granted in 2002, and the complete backfile will be loaded. Although the current volume of documents is rather low, it is expected to grow in the future.

We plan to issue the first records with our exchange data for DOCDB and IFD in week 2/2005.

There will be only kind code A (granted patent).

Number formats will be as follows (fictitious examples):

Publication numbers:

DOC db

IFD

CC	NUMBER	KK	PUB-DATE	APP-DATE	CC	NUMBER	KK
GC	0000001	A	20040101	20040101	GC	1	A
GC	0000100	A	2004010	20040101	GC	100	A
GC	0004599	A	20040101	20040101	GC	4599	A

Application numbers:

DOC db

IFD

CC	NUMBER	KK	APP DATE	CC	NUMBER	KK
GC	P991	A	19990101	GC	1999P 990001	A
GC	P99379	A	19980101	GC	1999P 990379	A
GC	P991234	A	19990101	GC	1999P 991234	A
GC	P20041	A	20040101	GC	2004P 20040001	A
GC	P20041	A	19980101	GC	2004P 20040001	A
GC	P2000001	A	20000101	GC	2000P 20000001	A
GC	P20041234	A	20040101	GC	2004P 20041234	A