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Questel•Orbit Releases Derwent World Patents Index® First View

Paris – Washington, DC – June 24th 2005 - Questel•Orbit, a leading provider of intellectual property information services worldwide, announced today the release of Derwent World Patents Index® First View (DWPI® First View).

DWPI First View (DWPIFV) is the alerting companion file to Derwent World Patents Index (DWPI) — the comprehensive database of value-added patent information. DWPI users will receive previews of the latest published patent documents in advance of their inclusion in Derwent World Patents Index. Searching DWPI First View in combination with Derwent World Patents Index will provide users with a comprehensive overview of global patenting activity.

DWPI First View records contain enhanced bibliographic data for all new patent documents, along with original titles, abstracts, technical drawing images, and English-language abstracts for patents from China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Russia.

“DWPI First View answers our customer’s need for early identification of new patent documents and comprehensive coverage. By searching DWPI First View and DWPI in tandem, customers will receive a complete picture of activity from the patent issuing authorities,” said Brian Tyler, executive vice president of corporate markets, Thomson Scientific. “Questel•Orbit is recognized as a leader in providing the most comprehensive and current databases relating to intellectual property. We are pleased that will now be offering DWPI First View to their customers.”

“We are very pleased in our continuing partnership with Thomson Scientific in offering this important file to our customers,” commented David Dickens, Director of Patent Business at Questel•Orbit. “The DWPI First View offers a single source for fast alerting particularly with China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Russia, and used in combination with DWPI gives our customers the information needed to monitor new technologies and to help them compete in this highly competitive global market.”

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