

SUPPLEMENT TO THE PPH PILOT PROGRAM

Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot Program between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic based on Patent Cooperation Treaty Work Products

PCT-PPH Pilot Program

The PCT-PPH pilot program was established to enable an applicant, who has received:

- (1) a Written Opinion from the United States International Searching Authority, or
- (2) a Written Opinion from the United States International Preliminary Examining Authority, or
- (3) an International Preliminary Examination Report from the United States International Preliminary Examining Authority,

that indicates at least one claim in the PCT application has novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability, to file a request to participate in the PPH pilot program and request accelerated examination for the corresponding application filed with the IPOCZ.

The procedures and requirements for filing a request in the IPOCZ for participation in the PPH pilot program are available from October 1, 2012 from the IPOCZ Web site at: <http://www.upv.cz/en.html>.