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Working Party XV/1
Specialists Group on Coding for Visual Telephony

Document #342
March 22, 1988

SOURCE: CHAIRMAN

TITLE : PATENT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE POLICIES (SECOND ISSUE)

Participating organizations in the group agreed in Red Bank to provide statements regarding their policy on the time of disclosure of relevant patents to the chairman (see §4.8.1/Doc. #276R).

This document assembles such statements received by March 22, 1988. The policies stated can be classified in the following two categories;

- A: Patents are disclosed to the group after they get into the public domain.
- B: Information on patents may be disclosed before that if some provisos are cleared.

Summary of statements

No.	Organization	Statement
1	BT	B
2	Netherlands PTT	B
3	PictureTel	B
4	NTT	B
5	KDD	B
6	CLJ	A
7	CSELT	B
8	ETRI	B
9	GEC Video Systems	B
10	STA	B
11	NTA	B
12	BELLCORE	B
13	CNET	B
14	NEC	B
15	FUJITSU	B
16	BNR	B

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BT position on disclosure of Patent information to the
CCITT SGXV Specialists Group on Coding.

In the interests of avoiding patent conflicts after a Recommendation is issued, BT are willing to inform the Specialists group of the general contents and scope of any patent application, relevant to the Recommendation, as soon as the Patent application is filed at the UK Patent office. Since such actions are weakening the company's position regarding retention of its Intellectual Property, BT will only continue with this policy provided all other members of the Specialists group do likewise, if this is not possible then no further patent information will be provided until the Patent enters the public domain, ie at least 18 months after filing.

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Specialists Group on Coding for Visual Telephony

Source: Netherlands Postal and Telecommunications Services (PTT)

Title: Statement regarding disclosure patent specifications under the patent law of The Netherlands.

PTT has the following information:

Patent specifications will be available for the public eighteen months after the filing of the patent specification with the National patent office or after eighteen months after the first filing of the patent specification in an other country, but within the priority period of twelve months.

PTT is however willing to inform the Specialists group of the General contents and scope of any patent application, relevant to the Recommendation after the filing of the patent specification.

PTT will only give this information provided all other members of the Specialists Group do likewise, if this is not possible then no ~~further~~ patent information will be provided until the patent enters the public domain, which is at least 18 months after filing.

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December 10, 1987

Mr. Sakae Okubo, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Okubo:

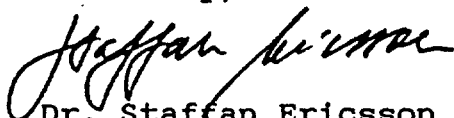
We would like to state our policy for disclosing patents and patent applications that might be relevant for the n x 384 kbit/s Flexible Hardware specifications.

We will continue to inform the Specialists Group of PictureTel patents and patent applications that might cover elements of the Flexible Hardware specifications.

According to U.S. patent law, a patent application is not in the public domain; however, we will give a short description of the aspects relevant to the Flexible Hardware at the first Specialists Group meeting following the filing of the patent application.

A condition for maintaining our patent disclosure policy in the future is that it is agreed to and respected by all other organizations participating in the CCITT Specialists Group.

Sincerely,



Dr. Staffan Ericsson
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January 4, 1987

SOURCE: NTT
TITLE : NTT POLICY CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF PATENT INFORMATION

In principle, NTT discloses patent information after the publication of unexamined application ('KOKAI', see Note).

If it will be so agreed in the Specialists Group, however, NTT is ready to provide the Specialists Group with short description (number of patent applications, filing date, title, note to the title consisting of a few lines, filing countries) of the relevant patents which NTT applied, even before KOKAI.

Note: Under the Japanese patent law, after the expiration of 18 months from the filing date, or the earliest priority date where applicable, the full text of an application, together with the drawings (if any), is published in the Patent Gazette (KOKAI KOHO), regardless of its examination stage. The examination of patent applications is carried out upon a request of examination which any person may make within seven years from the filing date of application. Patent is to be granted to the first filed application, not to the first invention.

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Jan. 8, 1988

SOURCE : Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co., Ltd. (KDD)
TITLE : INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DISCLOSURE POLICY

KDD's viewpoints on the time of notification on patent information are as follows.

(1) The substance of patent specification

It may be notified after laying-open of the patent specification, that is, after the expiration of one year and a half from the filing date of a patent application.

(2) A published paper

It may be notified after its publication following the patent application.

(3) The number of patent applications, filing dates, the titles and short descriptions of the inventions

They may be notified even before laying-open of the patent specifications.



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Dear Mr Okubo:

Attached please find a submission from Compression Labs concerning a recently issued patent which we believe is pertinent to the upcoming recommendations by CCITT on Nx384 video codecs. This patent was just granted in October although the time of invention was considerably in the past. Upon advice from our Patent Counsel we were not free to disclose the pending patent until its examination was complete by the United States Patent Office.

In the submission you will also find the usual statement to the effect that this technology will be made available on reasonable terms worldwide, if such is required.

If our firm is granted other patent rights in the future which encompass technology that appears in the CCITT recommendation, we will disclose them to you in similar fashion.

Best Regards,

Todd V. Townsend
Vice-President, Engineering

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Document #
Jan. 18, 1988

Title : Statement on the timing of disclosure of patents
relevant to the 384 and 64 kbit/s moving picture coding

Source : CSELT

CSELT policy regarding release of information to the Specialists Group on Coding for Visual Telephony of CCITT is the following:
CSELT intends to inform the Group when a patent is filed, which corresponds to 18 months before the information becomes public (the so called "dark period"), provided that this anticipation is not in contrast with particular cases foreseen by our national rules and provided that other Members of the Group undertake to do the same.

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Feb. 19, 1988.

Dear Mr. Chairman

After contacting the section dealing with patents in ETRI, we found that our position of the patent information disclosure policy is in the category B like those of many other countries. The category B is as follows.

"Information on patents may be disclosed before they get into the public domain if some provisions are cleared".

Sincerely,

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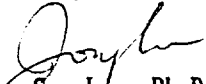
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Dear Mr. Okubo,

Disclosure of Patent Information to the CCITT SGXV Specialist
Group on Coding.

GEC is willing to inform the Specialists group of CCITT SGXV
of the general contents and scope of any patent application
relevant to the recommendation for the nx384 kbits flexible
hardware specification. This will be done as soon as the
Patent application is filed at the UK Patent Office.

This patent disclosure policy will remain in force provided
all members of the Specialists group continue with the same
policy.

Yours faithfully,



R.A. Couchman.

29 February, 1988

STA position on patent information disclosure.

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STA is willing to inform the Specialists Group on Coding for Visual Telephony of the general content of patent applications, relevant to Recommendations H.12x and H.13x as the patent is filed at the Swedish patent office.

This statement provides all other members of the Specialists Group undertake to do the same.

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Source: The Norwegian Telecommunications Administration.

On disclosure of patents relevant to the work of the Specialist Group.

The Norwegian Telecommunications Administration has no official policy on this matter. However, up till now it has not been possible to find any case of patent application relevant to The Norwegian Telecom where the company has tried to delay the disclosure of the patent application.

The situation at the moment is therefore that the main contents of patents may be disclosed to the Specialist Group before it gets into the public domain. (Category B).

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Source: Bellcore

TITLE: Bellcore Policy Concerning Patents

It is Bellcore policy to grant non-exclusive, non-discriminatory licenses on reasonable royalties to all requests for licenses under its patents. Bellcore is agreeable that such a policy be required if its patented technology becomes part of a CCITT recommendation.

Bellcore will also agree to inform the Specialist Group of any of its patents or pending applications, together with a brief description of the subject matter of such applications, if such patents or patent applications are pertinent to the deliberations of the Study Group and provided that such is likewise agreed to by the other participating members of the Specialist Group.

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MARCH 88

Source : FRANCE

Title : Disclosure of patents relevant for the Flexible
Hardware specifications

CNET policy regarding disclosure of information to the Specialists Group on Coding for Visual Telephony of CCITT as far as the Flexible Hardware specifications are concerned, is as follows :

CNET intends to inform the Group when a patent is filed by giving a short description of it, provided that it does not contravene any national rules and provided that the other members of the Group undertake to do the same.

March 22, 1988

To Chairman of CCITT SG-XV WP XV/1 Specialist Group
on Coding for Visual Telephony

NEC Corporation

1. Basic stance of NEC Corporation to patents disclosure is as follows. Information may be disclosed after those patents become public. Usually 18 months after filing.
2. NEC will agree, as an exception, the provision of patent information relevant to the recommendation provided that all other members do likewise.

Following information will be disclosed.

1. Number of claims,
2. Date of application,
3. Name of patent,
4. Brief description (a few lines),
5. Name(s) of countries in case of foreign applications.

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March 1988

SOURCE : Fujitsu

TITLE : PATENT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE POLICIES

Fujitsu's viewpoints at the time of notification on patent information are as follows.

In principle , Fujitsu discloses patents after they get into the public domain('KOKAI' in japanese system).

But in this case , Fujitsu intend to disclose information on patents to the group before that , when some provisos are cleared.

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SOURCE: BELL-NORTHERN RESEARCH
TITLE : TIME OF PATENT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

Attached is a signed statement setting forth the position of Northern Telecom Limited (NTL) on the time of announcement to the Specialists' Group of patents or patent applications in context with new draft Rec. H.12x and H.13x. This is in response to the request by the chairman of the Specialists' Group on Coding for Visual Telephony.

Northern Telecom is the organization holding the patents developed under BNR activities.



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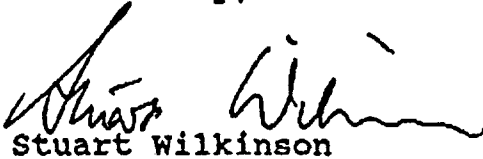
Dear Mr. Okubo:

Re: Northern Telecom Patent Statement

Northern Telecom is willing to disclose to the Specialists Group on Coding for Visual Telephony the filing date, title and a short description of any patent application covering an invention which Northern Telecom believes is necessary to the implementation of a Recommendation of the Group, provided that all other companies represented on the Group commit to a corresponding disclosure.

Northern Telecom shall endeavour to provide to the Group details relating to any such patent application at the meeting of the Group immediately following the filing of such patent application.

Yours truly,



Stuart Wilkinson

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CLI's standard policy is to disclose information relative to patents only after the grant date of the patents. However, in the interest of cooperating with the CCITT standardization activity on video coding at $n \times 384$ kbps and $m \times 64$ kbps, CLI will be willing to provide information on filed patent applications relevant to techniques proposed during this standardization work.

Replacement of No. 6 / Doc. # 342

24 March 1988

AT&T Position on Patent Disclosure

AT&T's standard policy is to not disclose information relative to patents until after filing with the U.S. Patent Office. After filing, information is typically published, but not in every case, AT&T has always cooperated with CCITT standardization activities, and will continue to do so by providing information on filed patent applications relevant to the work of the Specialists Group on Coding for Visual Telephony.