

To the attention of the GWG executive committee.

Follow-up of the communication at the GWG meeting of November 9th, 2007.


EskoArtwork has a patent pending in the US called "Ensured workflow system and method for editing a consolidated file". We believe that if the patent is granted, it might be very relevant to implementations of a 'proof of preflight', like the draft being circulated.

EskoArtwork wants to inform the group that if and when the patent gets granted, it is planning to license it under terms similar as CIP4's clause B, being "to grant a license to any applicant, regardless of competitive status, under fair and reasonable terms and conditions, to utilize the license for the purpose of implementing the Ghent PDF Workgroup specification".

On behalf of EskoArtwork,



Arjen Maarleveld,
Sr.VP. Products & Solutions.

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Your ref.

Our ref.

VS/2008-01-31/001

Date

31 January 2008

Dear Mr. Maarleveld,

Thank you for your letter regarding your Pending Patent as it relates to some work being done in the Ghent PDF Workgroup.

However, the letter is not specific as to what areas/claims of the Pending Patent may be 'relevant'. We would appreciate clarification so we can be sure our member companies are aware of your concerns.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

David L. Zwang
Chairman
Ghent PDF Workgroup

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Re. your ref. VS/2008-01-31/001

Dear Mr. Zwang,

As the patent application is still pending, any speculation on the relevance of possible claims is fruitless.

The intention of our previous communication was twofold:

- Confirm that EskoArtwork has a potentially relevant patent pending.
- Reassure the GWG members that EskoArtwork has no intention to unreasonably withhold licenses if and when a patent gets granted.

The text of the application (*20020116399*) is publicly available from the "uspto.gov" website.

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