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MDC OPENS TOKYO OFFICE AND EXPANDS IP SERVICES IN ASIA

Industry-leading patent annuity and trademark renewal services available in Japan

SOUTHFIELD, MI – 4 August 2004 – MDC (www.mdcip.com), also known as Master Data Center, the leading provider of IP management software and patent annuity and trademark renewal payment services, announced today the opening of a Japanese office in Tokyo. The Company now provides patent annuity and trademark renewal services through this office.

“It is essential that MDC, the worldwide leader in IP management, build a presence in Japan, the second largest intellectual property market in the world,” said Daniel Videtto, MDC president. “We will continue the growth we’ve had in the U.S. and European markets in Asia. MDC is ideally positioned to provide much-needed IP management services in this region.”

MDC’s Tokyo office is managed by Mr. Taka Nakashima, director of Asian operations, for both MDC and its sister-company, MicroPatent. Mr. Nakashima has been with MicroPatent since graduating from Boston University nearly a decade ago and has grown that company’s Asian presence by establishing and managing a distributor network there. Through his efforts, MicroPatent’s Japanese sales now account for over 30% of its annual revenue. Mr. Nakashima, based out of MicroPatent’s corporate headquarters in East Haven, Connecticut, recently assumed responsibility for building MDC’s Japanese operation. He spends nearly 40% of his time in Asia.

“Japanese companies have had few reliable choices for annuity service providers over the past 30 years,” said Mr. Nakashima. “It is pleasing to know that MDC offers a much needed service for this market. We have already seen a positive response from several large IP owners and are hopeful for the future.”

To assist with the daily operations of MDC’s new Tokyo office, MDC hired Ms. Kyoko Furuya. Ms. Furuya previously worked for one of MicroPatent’s distributors. She brings years of intellectual property knowledge and office management experience to MDC.

MDC’s patent annuity and trademark renewal services group, headquartered in Southfield, Michigan, is lead by Ms. Paula Stone, vice president of operations. Ms. Stone, an attorney, has been with MDC since 1991 and has consistently increased her responsibilities in operations and payment services since that time.

“This is a very exciting time for MDC and we welcome the opportunity to offer our IP payment services in Japan,” said Ms. Stone. “Our Japanese clients will benefit from our exceptional reputation in making timely payments and should also save money, as they’ll reap the volume discounts we receive based on the large number of payments we make worldwide. We look forward to providing these customers, like all our customers, with the highest-quality service available.”

In addition to its payment services, MDC also has industry-leading IP management software, through its IPMaster product. At this time, IPMaster is not available in Japan.

MDC’s new Tokyo office is located on the 28th floor of the Shinagawa Intercity Tower, A, 2-15-1 Konan, Minato-Ku, in Tokyo, Japan. Inquiries may be directed to mdcjapan@mdcip.com or +81 (3) 6717.4448.

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About MDC

MDC (Master Data Center, www.mdcip.com) is the world's leading provider of intelligent IP management solutions, specializing in patent annuities, trademark renewals, IP management software, and training and education services. Founded in 1971, MDC is the largest patent annuity payment and trademark renewal provider in the United States, servicing over 900 corporations and law firms, including many Fortune 500 and Global 500 companies.

MDC is an Information Holdings Inc. company (NYSE: IHI) and is part of its data businesses group, along with sister-company MicroPatent, a full-service patent and trademark information and analysis company (www.micropat.com). MDC is headquartered in Southfield, Michigan and has representation in the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, and Japan.

About Information Holdings Inc.

Information Holdings Inc. is a leading provider of information products and services to scientific, technical, medical, and intellectual property markets. Through its data businesses, which include MDC, MicroPatent, and Liquent, the Company provides a broad array of content, information products, and complementary services for intellectual property and regulatory professionals. The Company is recognized as a leading provider of intellectual property information over the internet.

Information Holdings is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol IHI.

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