

The history of this pending patent –in terms of its intellectual and/or industrial property state– is the following:

- 1) November 28, 2003: The International Application –via the “PCT-System”– is presented at the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property “IMPI”.
- 2) July 14, 2004: The European Patent Office “EPO”, which had been chosen to be the examining entity, forwarded the International Search Report.
- 3) September 9, 2004: We responded to the International Search Report writing to the World Intellectual Property Organization “WIPO”, including complimentary copies for the “EPO” and the “IMPI”.
- 4) September 22, 2004: A formal application for an anticipated International Publication of the pending patent was sent to the “WIPO”.
- 5) November 18, 2004: International Publication on the website of the “WIPO” as well as in the patent offices of the PCT member states.
- 6) June 24, 2005: The application for a preliminary exam was sent to the “EPO”.
- 7) August 18, 2005: The “EPO” forwarded a report in relation with our application of a preliminary exam.
- 8) November 16, 2005: We responded to the aforementioned report writing to the “EPO”.
- 9) March 13, 2006: On behalf of the “WIPO”, the “EPO” forwarded the international report of the preliminary exam in relation with our pending patent.
- 10) May 2, 2006: We initiated the formal steps regarding the respective applications in order to enter with the pending patent PCT/MX 2003/000105 into the national phases, including the countries where we detected the highest demand concerning this type of technology. This includes the following:
  - A) USA
  - B) Canada
  - C) European Patent Office, covering above all the following countries: Germany, Great Britain, France, The Netherlands, Italy, Switzerland and Spain
  - D) Japan
  - E) Israel
  - F) South Korea
  - G) China
  - H) Mexico