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	First Reports	Further Reports	Clear Reports	ISRs	IPEs	Total Planned
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% of Complying Cases						95%
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	Quality Standard	Compliance Standard			
		% of Cases Complying with the Quality standards		% Actual Performance in the last Quarter	% Actual Performance in the last four complete
		National	International		
1	All important objections are taken	97%		100%	95%
2	No clearly wrong objections are taken	97%		94%	92%
3	Objections are taken consistently across Patent Examination	95%		98%	99%
4	Objections are raised/maintained appropriately	97%		98%	96%
5	Examination reports are comprehensive	95%		100%	99%
6	All objections are sufficiently informative	95%		96%	95%
7	A correct search strategy is adopted	97%		100%	98%
8	Correct search strategy is adopted (according to PCT guidelines)		97%	100%	99%
9	International search reports are useful to customers		95%	97%	96%
10	International examination is carried out consistent with the PCT guidelines		97%	91%	93%
11	Applications are classified into the latest update of the IPC	95%	95%	100%	100%
12	Written formalities are complete and correct	95%	95%	89%	92%
Compliance against all standards		95%	95%	97%	96%
* % of Invalid Patents				0%	0%