

RWS Holdings plc

General description of the business

RWS is a leading provider of intellectual property support services and high level technical, legal and financial translation services.

It serves a multinational blue chip client base drawn from Europe, North America and Japan. Clients will be active filers of patents in the medical, pharmaceutical, chemical, aerospace, defence, automotive, electronics and telecoms industries, as well as patent agents working on behalf of similar clients and the leading intellectual property organisations.

The Group also provides specialist technical, legal and financial translation services to a number of areas of industry outside the patent arena.

The Group comprises two divisions, the Translation division providing patent and document translation, filing and localization services in the UK, US, Japan and Europe, and the Information division, which offers a comprehensive range of patent search retrieval and monitoring services and a comprehensive patent database service searchable by subscribers, known as PatBase.