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Language in which international applications may be filed:	English or any other language <sup>1</sup>
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? <sup>2</sup>	Yes
Types of physical media accepted by the receiving Office:	3.5 inch diskette, CD-ROM, DVD
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? <sup>3, 4</sup>	Yes <sup>5</sup>
Does the receiving Office accept the inclusion of application documents in pre-conversion format (Administrative Instruction 706)?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office
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<sup>1</sup> If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

<sup>2</sup> Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with the electronic file on a physical medium and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

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<sup>5</sup> For the relevant notifications by the Australian Patent Office, refer to *PCT Gazette* No. 31/2005, pages 20184 *et seq.*, and No. 50/2005, pages 33496 *et seq.*

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International filing fee:	AUD 1,507
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 17
Additional component:	Where applicable
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PCT-EASY: <sup>6</sup>	AUD 113
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD 227
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD 340
Search fee:	See Annex D(AU)
Fee for priority document: <sup>7</sup>	AUD 100
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	AUD 200
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice as a patent attorney before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes <sup>8</sup>
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s)
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes <sup>8</sup>
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<sup>6</sup> See footnote 2.

<sup>7</sup> This Office is also prepared to make certain priority documents available via the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (see Annex B). For these priority documents, applicants may alternatively request that the International Bureau retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of asking the Office to forward a copy or having to provide a certified copy (see also the applicant portal at: [https://webaccess.wipo.int/priority\\_documents/en/](https://webaccess.wipo.int/priority_documents/en/)).

<sup>8</sup> Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).