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C.PCT 1210

February 27, 2010

Madam,
Sir,

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW EQUIVALENT AMOUNTS
OF THE SEARCH FEE CHARGED BY THE
EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)

1. This Circular is addressed to your Office in its capacity as receiving Office (RO) under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for the purposes of consultation on proposed new equivalent amounts of the search fee charged by the European Patent Office (EPO).

2. According to PCT Rule 16.1 (a), the European Patent Office has established a new amount of its search fee in Euro (EUR) as follows:

EUR 1,785

3. This new amount will be applicable as from April 1, 2010.

4. In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(b) and (c), new equivalent amounts of that fee as set out in bold in the table attached to this Circular will be established.

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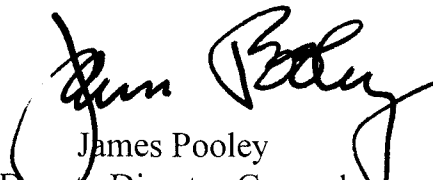
5. It is to be noted that, and according to the agreements between the International Bureau and Swedish Patent and Trademark Office and Nordic Patent Institute, both acting as International Searching Authority, there is also a similar change in the amount of the search fee for these 2 Offices. Consequently, new equivalent amounts of their respective search fee have also been included in the table referred to above and will be applicable as from April 1, 2010.

6. Concerning the amount of the search fee for an international search performed by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the International Bureau is in the process of confirming whether their respective search fee will also be changed in the same way and from the same date. If so, the same equivalent amounts will apply. A confirmation will be sent later.

7. If your Office does *not* agree with the proposed (rounded) equivalent amounts shown in bold in the tables, please contact my colleague Mrs. Agnès Grocq, Senior Administrative Assistant, PCT Operations Division (tel. (41-22) 338 9325, fax (41-22) 338 7190, e-mail agnes.grocq@wipo.int), at the latest by *March 8, 2010*, and suggest alternative (rounded) amounts.

8. The proposed new equivalent amounts which will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of *March 11, 2010*.

Yours sincerely,



James Pooley
Deputy Director General

New equivalent amounts of the search fee charged by the European Patent Office,
the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the Nordic Patent Institute as from April 1, 2010

	European Patent Office		Swedish Patent and Registration Office		Nordic Patent Institute		
	Currency	Actual amount	Currency	Actual amount	Currency	Actual amount	
	EUR	1'700	SEK	17'110	DKK	12'650	
	EUR	1'785	SEK	18'060	DKK	13'290	
<i>Exchange rate applicable on February 1, 2010</i>							
CHF - Swiss franc		2'574		2'574		2'574	Current amount
	1.4721654	2'628		2'628		2'628	New amount
USD - US dollar		2'515		2'515		2'515	Current amount
	0.7182322	2'485		2'485		2'485	New amount
EUR - Euro				1'700		1'700	Current amount
				1'785		1'785	New amount
DKK - Danish krone		12'650		12'650			Current amount
	0.1342986	13'290		13'290			New amount
GBP - Pound sterling		1'536					Current amount
	1.1461893	1'557					New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona		310'000		310'000		310'000	Current amount
	0.0056344	317'000		317'000		317'000	New amount
JPY - Japanese yen		229'000					Current amount
	0.0079247	225'200					New amount
MWK - Malawian kwacha		352'000					Current amount
	0.0049657	359'000					New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone		14'670		14'670		14'670	Current amount
	0.1223751	14'590		14'590		14'590	New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar		3'487					Current amount
	0.5091185	3'506					New amount
SEK - Swedish krona		17'110					Current amount
	0.0988273	18'060					New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		3'550					Current amount
	0.5091326	3'510					New amount
ZAR - South African rand		18'560					Current amount
	0.0958510	18'620					New amount