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Increase in Official Patent Fees in Israel, effective from January 1, 2013

The Israeli Patent Office announced that, beginning from January 1, 2013, most of Official Fees related to Patent Applications and Patents will be raised. The main changes are as follows:

- Some of the official fees will be significantly increased (by 100-400%), and the new fees will be:
 - Patent Filing fee – 2000 ILS
 - Extension fee, per month - 200 ILS,
 - Maintenance fee for first 6 years of the Patent term – 800 ILS,
 - Maintenance fee for years 7 to 10 of the Patent term – 1,600 ILS.

- Some new fees will be introduced, namely:
 - Acceptance fee – 700 ILS
 - Excess page fee for every 50 pages beyond the first 100 pages (not including pages of sequence listing) – 250 ILS.
 - Fee for ordering a Search Report in the form of ISR – 1730 ILS.

- Some other fees will be moderately increased (less than by 100%).

Simultaneously, a Small Entity discount of 40% will be available for the filing and acceptance fees of an application which does not claim any priority. (A Small Entity is regarded as a company or partnership having an annual turnover of less than 10 million ILS). The Small Entity discount is mainly relevant to local Applicants, to encourage first filing of new patent applications in Israel.