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To Whom It May Concern:

Circular Letter No. 51 of Dr. Meir Noam, Registrar of
Patents, Designs and Trademarks

Response to Notification according to Section 18 of the
Patents Law 5727 – 1967 – Filing Documents on Digital Media
Filing Sequence Listings on Digital Media

We should like to draw your attention to a circular letter issued by the Registrar of Patents, Designs and Trademarks regarding filing certain Documents on digital media. Said circular letter states as follows [translated from Hebrew]:

- “1. Circular letter 33 of the Registrar dated October 18th, 2004 determined in paragraph 5, that a copy of Citations of type "X" and "Y" will be filed at the Israeli Patent Office in response to a Notification according to Section 18 of the Patents Law 5727 – 1967 [hereunder "the Law"].**
- 2. In light of the proliferation of Citations filed in response to Section 18 of the Law, I hereby instruct that effective on the date of publication of the present circular letter Citations of the type "X" and "Y" should be filed on digital media of the type CD-Rom only.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT EFFECTIVE FROM JANUARY 2009 THE ABOVE POINTS 1 AND 2 WERE CANCELLED AND INSTEAD THE REGISTRAR INSTRUCTED THAT CITATIONS OF THE TYPE "X" AND/OR "Y" _____

- 3. Additionally, effective on the date of publication of the present circular letter sequence listings in Patents in the field of biotechnology should be filed on digital media of the type CD-Rom only, a process which will make easier the location of identical sequences in the data bases available to Patent Examiners.**

4. ***Each CD-Rom filed at the Israeli Patent Office should be identified by listing the name of the Applicant, Application Number and reference. Likewise, in the event that there are concerned a number of types of media or a number of sequential CD-Rom on the same subject, they should be numbered sequentially [e.g. "disc 1/3", "disc 2/3" etc.]. It should be emphasized that no more than one CD-Rom for every Application should be filed – whether concerning Citations or sequence listings.***

5. ***Filing Citations and sequences on digital media will ease greatly the activity of the Israeli Patent Office and will make its work more efficient.”***

In view of the above we would like to indicate as follows:

1. A reply to Section 18 consists of complying with Duty of Disclosure.
2. Therefore in any reply you will send us enclosing Citations of Prior Art, especially those marked "X" or "Y", please let us have same in CD-Rom format in duplicate.
3. In all Applications wherein sequence listings are required, please let us have same in CD-Rom format in duplicate.
4. We should like to stress that the Documents specified in points 2 and 3 above cannot be filed in hard copies anymore.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further assistance and/or clarification.

Yours very truly,
DR. YITZHAK HESS & PARTNERS