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To Whom It May Concern:

Circular Letter No. 81 of Dr. Meir Noam, Registrar of  
Patents, Designs and Trademarks

Divisional Patent Applications

We would like to draw to your attention a Circular Letter issued by the Registrar of Patents regarding Divisional Patent Applications.

Said Circular Letter states as follows [translated roughly from Hebrew]:

*"The purpose of this Circular Letter is to inform the public about an interpretation which was given at the Israeli Patent Office to Section 24(A) of the Israeli Patents Law 5727 – 1967 (hereinafter "the Law").*

1. Section 24(A) of the Law determines that: **"So long as the application has not been accepted, the applicant is entitled to request that it be divided into several applications."**
2. This stipulation can be interpreted in two ways:  
  
*The first interpretation is that the Parent Application, **and only it**, may be divided up until Acceptance;*  
  
*The second interpretation is that the Parent Application, **and also any Application divided there from**, may be divided up until Acceptance of any one of them.*
3. The Israeli Patent Office announces herein that the interpretation being adopted is that only the basic Parent Application, and only it, may be divided up until Acceptance, this being, inter alia, because of the need to terminate the Examination Process in a reasonable period time and also out of considerations of legal certainty for the public at large."

We would like to remind you that, as stated in point 1 of the Circular Letter, a Divisional Application can be filed only up until the Acceptance of the Parent Application.

In view of the above, when filing Divisional Application(s), special care has to be taken that all desired Divisional Applications are being filed at that time, as in the future when the Parent Application will be accepted no further Divisional Applications can be filed.

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

Yours very truly,  
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