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STAMP DUTY ON PATENT FILINGS

The Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver, in its capacity as Trademark and Patent Registrar, has issued a circular in regard to the payment of stamp duty on patent filings. According to the circular, the new guidelines target the upgrading of the offered services, the simplification of proceedings and the improvement of public convenience.

According to the circular, from January 1st, 2010, all documents regarding the Patent Department that require stamp duty, shall not be stamped by the Registrar of Stamps, but the affixing on the same of the relevant stamps, as provided by the Stamp Duty Law, and their submission to our Department shall be deemed adequate. According to the Stamp Duty Law the below documents shall bear the following stamp duty:

A. Stamp duty €1.71:

1. Any document accompanying the forms П.9, П.17, П.18, П.19, П.20.
2. Subsidiary documents such as B8, EPO 2544 etc.
3. Alteration documents, such as change of name, address, details of the owner etc.
4. Assignment documents irrespective of the sale amount of the Patent, provided that both the Assignor and the Assignee are legal or natural entities residing abroad.
5. Amalgamation documents provided that both companies are based abroad.
6. Power of Attorney Form - "Special Power of Attorney". This category refers to power of attorneys concerning a sole legal act, e.g. the renewal of a specific patent for a specific time, or the assignment of a specific patent, or the submission of a specific patent etc.

B. Stamp duty €5.13:

1. Power of Attorney Form - "General Power of Attorney". All powers of attorney concerning more than one legal acts, e.g. when referring to all renewals, or all matters regarding a specific patent, or all matters regarding all patents, or the submission and renewal of a specific patent etc.

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