

# **EXHIBIT 1**



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## Fee Proposal Comparison Chart

|  | Current<br>(with January<br>CPI) | Proposed<br>June 2002  | Proposed<br>February 2003 |
|--|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Patent Filing Fees</b>                  |                                  |  |                           |
| Filing Original Patent Application         | \$750                            | \$300  | \$300                     |
| Search Fee                                 |                                  |  | \$500                     |
| Examination Fee                            |                                  | \$1,250  | \$200                     |
| Total due at filing                        | \$750                            | \$300  | \$1,000*                  |
| <b>PCT National Stage Fees (example)</b>   |                                  |  |                           |
| USPTO is neither IPEA nor ISA              | \$1,060                          | \$1,550  | \$1,000**                 |
| <b>Claims Fees</b>                         |                                  |  |                           |
| Independent claims in excess of 3          | \$84                             | \$160/ \$320/<br>\$640/ +1.25% ?                               | \$200                     |
| Claims in Excess of 20                     | \$18                             | each, in groups<br>of 5, \$80/ \$160/<br>\$320/ \$640<br>+125% | \$50                      |
| <b>Patent Extension Fees (example)</b>     |                                  |  |                           |
| Extension for response within second month | \$410                            | \$660  | \$450                     |
| <b>Patent Appeal Fees</b>                  |                                  |  |                           |
| Notice of Appeal to Board of Appeals       | \$320                            | \$520  | \$500                     |
| Filing a Brief in Support of an Appeal     | \$320                            | \$1,730  | \$500                     |
| Request an Oral Hearing                    | \$280                            | \$460  | \$1,000                   |
| <b>Pre Grant Publication</b>               |                                  |  |                           |
| Publication Fee                            | \$300                            | \$300  | \$300                     |
| <b>Patent Issue Fees</b>                   |                                  |  |                           |
| Issue of Original or Reissue Patent        | \$1,300                          | \$1,660  | \$1,400                   |
| <b>Patent Maintenance Fees</b>             |                                  |  |                           |
| First Stage Maintenance                    | \$890                            | \$900  | \$900                     |

|   |         |          |         |
|---|---------|----------|---------|
| <b>Second Stage Maintenance</b>                   | \$2,050 | \$3,000  | \$2,300 |
| <b>Third Stage Maintenance</b>                    | \$3,150 | \$5,000  | \$3,800 |
| <b>Total Patent Life-Cycle Costs</b>              |         |          |         |
| <b>Filing, Issue, and Maintenance Fees</b>        | \$8,140 | \$12,110 | \$9,400 |
| <b>Filing, Issue, PG-Pub and Maintenance Fees</b> | \$8,440 | \$12,410 | \$9,700 |
| <b>Trademark Application Fees, per class</b>      |         |          |         |
| <b>Paper Correspondence</b>                       | \$335   | \$375    | \$375   |
| <b>Electronic Correspondence</b>                  | N.A.    | \$325    | \$325   |
| <b>Expedited Examination</b>                      | N.A.    | \$275    | \$275   |

\* Refundable in part depending upon stage of express abandonment  
 \*\* Refundable in part depending upon standing of prior search

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