

The Business Development Company GmbH (BDC) in Hochwald/Basel, Switzerland specializes in technology brokerage, business development and management of intellectual property rights in Life Sciences.

IP ANNUITY FEE PAYMENTS SERVICE

BDC has developed a special IP annuity payment service on a discounted rate basis available to all patent and trademark holders. Together with its partner organizations BDC offers **worldwide** payments of maintenance fees for granted patents, applications and trademarks. In this context BDC has totally re-engineered the process of paying the maintenance fees and can thus offer to its clients conditions which are generally only available for companies owning a large number of patents. Consequently, **handling fees** connected with paying annual fees of granted patents could be reduced **by about 30% or more**.

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