

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/Patent Administration Service

BDC offers to its clients various administration and surveillance service packages for patents and trademarks. Depending on the patent status, BDC offers the following basic modules for handling the administration connected with patent protection rights:

- Basic module 1: Patent applications in the priority year; 950 CHF per year and application
- Basic module 2: PCT patent applications in the international phase; 950 CHF per year and application
- Basic module 3: National and regional patent applications during the examination phase; 950 CHF per year and application/country
- Basic module 4: Granted patents; 200 to 300 CHF per year and country

The basic modules include the following services by BDC:

- Entering the file in BDC's data base
- File management; following and predicting the individual proceedings
- Recording, monitoring and controlling of deadlines and due dates
- Cost control and projections
- Routine dispatching of reports/summaries/overviews at regular intervals according to individual wishes and procedures
- Routine informing of deadlines connected with protection rights
- In the case of granted patents: handling the payment of national maintenance fees as well as the monitoring of all pertinent deadlines

The following options can be added to basic modules 2 and 3:

- Option 1: Handling the payment of fees to the patent offices; ca. 200 CHF per year and patent application, excluding national official fees
- Option 2: Submitting applications and documents to the appropriate authorities; price according to time invested
- Option 3: Execution of nationalization/regionalization, including securing the necessary translations (excluding translation costs and costs for national representatives); 950 CHF per PCT application and country (if

desired, BDC will gladly make a detailed offer according to your individual case, listing all third-party charges)

Option 4: 10 hours of consulting at a reduced price; 2'500 CHF per year

In cases where BDC takes over the administration of an application that is in the international phase, prices will be charged according to the time remaining in the 30-month period.

Please note that the prices given are all-inclusive costs, before VAT – that means there are no hidden, additional costs, for example for correspondence with patent offices and country representatives, for copies, telephone calls or faxes.

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