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Communication pursuant to Rule 69 EPC - reminder of payment of the designation fees (Art. 79(2) EPC) and of the examination fee (Art. 94(1) EPC)

The date on which the European Patent Bulletin mentions the publication of the European search report for the above-mentioned European patent application is .

Your attention is drawn to Article 79(2) and Rule 39(1) EPC as well as Article 94(1) and Rule 70(1) EPC according to which within **six months** after the above-mentioned publication date of the search report

- the designation fees must be paid,
- a request for examination must be made by payment of the examination fee.

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For European patent applications filed on or after 01.04.2014, the reduction applies only if the applicant(s) has (have) declared to be an entity or a natural person within the meaning of Rule 6(4) EPC (Decision of the Administrative Council of 13 December 2013, OJ EPO 2014, A4).

The current rate of the designation fee for each Contracting State designated is:

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The current rate of the examination fee is:

If at least one designation fee and the examination fee are not paid within the period laid down in Rule 39(1) or 70(1) EPC, the application shall be deemed to be withdrawn (Art. 94(2) and R. 39(2) EPC).

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