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Communication pursuant to Rule 69 EPC - reminder concerning payment of the designation fee (Art. 79(2) EPC) and of the examination fee (Art. 94(1) EPC) - and invitation pursuant to Rule 70a(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: 19.02.2025.

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

- the designation fee must be paid,
- the request for examination must be filed and the examination fee must be paid,
- comments on the objections raised in the opinion accompanying the European search report and/or any amendments to the description, claims and drawings correcting any deficiencies noted in the opinion must be filed (R. 70a(1), 137(2) EPC; Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, B-XI, 8).

1. Payment of the designation fee and of the examination fee

The current amount of the flat-rate designation fee is: EUR 685,00

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Any extension or validation fees are also payable within the above-mentioned period.

2. Comments on the opinion accompanying the European search report and filing of amendments

Should the reply to the invitation pursuant to Rule 70a(1) EPC be filed in an admissible non-EPO language, a translation is to be submitted within one month of its filing (R. 6(2) EPC).

If filing amendments, you must identify them and indicate the basis for them in the application as filed. Failure to meet either requirement may lead to a communication from the Examining Division requesting that you correct this deficiency (R. 137(4) EPC).

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Should you not comply with this invitation within the time limit, the application **will be deemed to be withdrawn** in accordance with Rule 70a(3) EPC.

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