application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371.

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4. Section 1.12 is amended by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

## §1.12 Assignment records open to public inspection.

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- (c) Any request by a member of the public seeking copies of any assignment records of any pending or abandoned patent application preserved in secrecy under § 1.14, or any information with respect thereto, must
- (1) Be in the form of a petition accompanied by the petition fee set forth in § 1.17(i), or
- (2) Include written authority granting access to the member of the public to the particular assignment records from the applicant or applicant's assignee or attorney or agent of record.
- 5. Section 1.14 is amended by revising paragraph (e) to read as follows:

## §1.14 Patent applications preserved in secrecy.

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- (e) Any request by a member of the public seeking access to, or copies of, any pending or abandoned application preserved in secrecy pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, or any papers relating thereto, must
- (1) Be in the form of a petition and be accompanied by the petition fee set forth in § 1.17(i), or
- (2) Include written authority granting access to the member of the public in that particular application from the applicant or the applicant's assignee or attorney or agent of record.
- 6. Section 1.16 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) through (g) and by adding new paragraphs (k) and (l) to read as

## § 1.16 National application filing fees.

follows:

(a) Basic fee for filing each application for an original patent, except provisional, design or plant applications:

By a small entity (§ 1.9(f)).....\$365.00 By other than a small entity ......730.00

(b) In addition to the basic filing fee in an original application, except provisional applications, for filing or later presentation of each independent claim in excess of 3:

(c) In addition to the basic filing fee in an original application, except provisional applications, for filing or later presentation of each claim (whether independent or dependent) in excess of 20 (Note that § 1.75(c) indicates how multiple dependent claims are considered for fee calculation purposes.):

By a small entity (§ 1.9(f))......11.00 By other than a small entity ......22.00

(d) In addition to the basic filing fee in an original application, except provisional applications, if the application contains, or is amended to contain, a multiple dependent claim(s), per application:

(If the additional fees required by paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section are not paid on filing or on later presentation of the claims for which the additional fees are due, they must be paid or the claims canceled by amendment, prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the Office in any notice of fee deficiency.)

(e) Surcharge for filing the basic filing fee or oath or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application, except provisional applications:

(f) Basic fee for filing each design application:

(g) Basic fee for filing each plant application, except provisional applications:

By a small entity (§ 1.9(f)).......245.00 By other than a small entity ......490.00

(k) Basic fee for filing each provisional application:

(1) Surcharge for filing the basic filing fee or cover sheet (§ 1.51(a)(2)(i)) on a date later than the filing date of the provisional application:

7. Section 1.17 is amended by revising paragraphs (h) and (i), and by adding new paragraphs (q), (r) and (s) to read as follows:

## §1.17 Patent application processing fees.

(h) For filing a petition to the Commissioner under a section listed below which refers to this paragraph ......130.00

§ 1.47—for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor

§ 1.48—for correction of inventorship, except in provisional applications

§ 1.84—for accepting color drawings or photographs

§ 1.182—for decision on questions not specifically provided for

§ 1.183—to suspend the rules

§ 1.295—for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration

§ 1.377—for review of decision refusing to accept and record payment of a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of patent

§ 1.378(e)—for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing to accept delayed payment of maintenance fee in expired patent

§ 1.644(e)—for petition in an interference

§ 1.644(f)—for request for reconsideration of a decision on petition in an interference

§ 1.666(c)—for late filing of interference settlement agreement

§§ 5.12, 5.13 and 5.14—for expedited handling of a foreign filing license

§ 5.15—for changing the scope of a license

§ 5.25—for retroactive license

(i) For filing a petition to the Commissioner under a section listed below which refers to this paragraph ......130.00

§ 1.12—for access to an assignment record

§ 1.14—for access to an application

§ 1.53—to accord a filing date, except in provisional applications

§ 1.55—for entry of late priority papers § 1.60—to accord a filing date

§ 1.62—to accord a filing date

§ 1.97(d)—to consider an information disclosure statement

§ 1.102—to make application special

§ 1.103—to suspend action in application

§ 1.177—for divisional reissues to issue separately § 1.312—for amendment after payment

of issue fee § 1.313—to withdraw an application

from issue

§ 1.314—to defer issuance of a patent § 1.666(b)—for access to interference

settlement agreement

§ 3.81—for patent to issue to assignee, assignment submitted after payment of the issue fee

(q) For filing a petition to the Commissioner under a section listed below which refers to this paragraph......50.00

§ 1.48—for correction of inventorship in a provisional application

§ 1.53—to accord a provisional application a filing date or to convert an application filed under