

# **Support International Patent Protection in Electronics and IT (SIP-EIT) - A scheme to support International patent Protection by SMEs and Technology Start up Units**

## **Objectives:**

Department of Information Technology, MCIT, GOI has started a scheme to provide financial support to SMEs and Technology Start-Up units for international patent filing so as to encourage indigenous innovation and to recognize the value and capabilities of global IP and capture growth opportunities in the area of information technology and electronics.

## **2.0 Who are Eligible to Apply ?**

- Registered Indian Micro, Small and Medium enterprises.
- Enterprises engaged in the manufacture or production of goods where the investment in plant and machinery does not exceed Rs.10.00 crore.

**or**

- Providing or rendering of services the scheme will be restricted to enterprises where the investment in plant and machinery does not exceed Rs.5.00 crore.
- In-house R&D Certification by DSIR

**or**

- Technology Incubation enterprises registered as companies with support under some government scheme

## **3.0 What is the extent of Financial Support ?**

Upto 50% of the total patent cost. The support will be in form of reimbursement of expenses in actual to the applicant. Support will be limited to Rs.15 lakhs or 50% of the total expenses incurred on filing each invention whichever is less.

## **4.0 What kind of expenditures incurred during patent filing will be reimbursed ?**

All patent processing costs including Attorneys' Fees, Patent Office filing fees, Examination Fees, Patent Search cost, Additional cost for entering National Phase upto grant/issue. Subsequently after the grant, the cost will be borne by the industry.

## **5.0 What is the criteria for acceptance of patent applications for consideration of financial support ?**

- Applicants having already filed a patent application for the said invention in India
- Invention must be in the Electronics/ICT technology domain.
- The application must be accompanied by prior art search report from a International Search authority/ registered attorney firm or any other agency of repute.
- The patent applications are to be processed through a registered patent attorney in a patent attorney firm having a experience of at least 5 years in handling international patent applications.

- The applicant can apply for the support at any stage of international filing. However, reimbursement will only be applicable to expenditures incurred subsequent to the date on which application has been cleared for support.

## **6.0 What are the options for filing International Patents ?**

The applicant can choose either the PCT route or can file directly to any country of his choice. However, the applicant needs to furnish justification for his choice of route and of country / countries in which he desires to file a patent application.

## **7.0 What are the Documents to be provided by the Company ?**

- Application Form (giving requisite information about the applicant and the invention)
- Reimbursement Details (As per the format in the application form)
- Patent Search Report
- Product brochure (if any)
- Copy of Registration of the applicant industry
- Copy of official filing with Indian Patent Office
- Latest Annual Report of the Company.
- Proof of DSIR recognition of in-house R&D in industry (preferred) / Proof of Govt. Supported incubation Enterprise
- Declaration (as given in the application form)

## **8.0 When and how the reimbursement will be made?**

The applicants are suggested to give the complete details in the first application. If the application satisfies the eligibility and acceptance criteria and as per details given meets the patentability criteria for consideration of support, the reimbursement process will be initiated immediately and payment made through e- transfer.

For the application form and details visit/ download [www.mit.gov.in](http://www.mit.gov.in), or contact

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