

IP PAYMENTS

CREATE A SUSTAINABLE, COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE AROUND THE WORLD



MAXIMIZE THE VALUE OF YOUR R&D AND MARKETING INVESTMENTS

To help you realize the greatest possible value from your research and marketing investments, Thomson IP Management Services has designed a payment system, *IP Payments*, that is highly efficient, highly reliable and nimble enough to meet your organization's unique requirements. This service includes:

- Flexible instruction process with "pay all," "pay selected" and ad hoc options
- Customizable reminder and decision schedules (early, quarterly, monthly or ad hoc)
- Flexible payment terms
- Portfolio integrity verification process that identifies missing data and improperly formatted numbers or dates before payment submission
- Special reports to identify new patents or trademarks due, as well as patents or trademarks earmarked by clients as "undecided" about maintaining

Our *IP Payments* also offer a robust post-payment monitoring system designed to expedite tracking and reporting. Post-payment services include:

- Notification of discrepancies between your records and official patent and trademark office records, with special research assistance to correct the data and ensure on-time application of payment
- Tracking of official certificates and confirmation of payments, with automated electronic follow-up for certificates not received in a timely manner
- Web-based access to patent payment information

LEVERAGE INDUSTRY-LEADING TECHNOLOGY AND IP EXPERTISE

IP Payments is a centralized service running on a sophisticated internally developed software package that is designed exclusively to manage the payment process for patents, trademarks and designs. The software contains built-in controls to reduce the risk of human error. Further, knowledgeable IP professionals with extensive expertise in payment practices and legal matters for specific jurisdictions are assigned to monitor rules and fees activity in those jurisdictions. With Thomson IP Management Services, you can:

- Rest assured your rights are being handled with the utmost attention and detail
- Benefit from world-class software that ensures a reliable payment process

STREAMLINE THE MANAGEMENT OF YOUR GLOBAL IP RIGHTS

No service is better equipped to help you streamline your worldwide payment process. Our *IP Payments* offering calculates payment due dates using the most comprehensive *IP Rules* database in the industry, so you can be confident you haven't missed a law change in any of the more than 400 global jurisdictions we cover. With *IP Payments* you will:

- Navigate the nuances associated with ever-changing fee schedules
- Benefit from attractive rates as a result of our volume purchases
- Overcome the complexity associated with managing multiple invoices and purchasing multiple currencies

WHY USE IT

- Spend more time on core business activities
- Increase productivity with streamlined IP processes
- Crystallize your view of IP assets as a strategic tool
- Enhance strategic decision making
- Leverage proven methodologies and expertise
- Enjoy unsurpassed flexibility and customization

WHO USES IT

- IP portfolio managers
- Patent and trademark attorneys
- Paralegals
- Docketing staff
- Brand and product managers
- Finance managers



- Eliminate the need to coordinate activities, including follow-up communications on data discrepancies with local agents around the world

In addition, you'll be able to solidify third-party revenue streams by consolidating the management of licensed assets. Options include extra auditing, special reports and protection against unintentional abandonment. You can also forecast the cost of maintaining rights in future years, based on current *IP Rules* and fees.

AUGMENT YOUR PAYMENT PROCESS WITH EXPERT ADVICE

Thomson IP Management Services guides your payment process to ensure due dates and actions are met accurately and on time. For complex, strategic matters, engage our Professional Services team to:

- Determine the best course of action on portfolio management issues beyond IP maintenance
- Better understand the scope of your IP portfolio
- Schedule training to educate your colleagues on IP management processes

Our professionals are ready to assist you with these and other matters when you need them. Just give us a call at +1 248 352 5810 to set up a confidential meeting.

FOCUS LIMITED RESOURCES ON STRATEGY

Vigilant management of your intellectual property portfolio is essential to maximizing the value of your IP assets. Yet, keeping up with renewals and payments can be a time-consuming and labor-intensive process.

Thomson IP Management Services makes patent annuity and trademark renewal payments for thousands of clients throughout the world. We have all the elements in place to manage this complex process so that you don't have to spend valuable staff time on these administrative duties. Let us make your payments for you, and you will:

- Be assured of accurate and timely payments
- Free up your staff time to focus on your primary business
- Have better information at your fingertips to ensure that your IP strategy is aligned with your business strategy

LEARN MORE ABOUT IP PAYMENTS

To learn more about *IP Payments* from Thomson IP Management Services and to request that we start making your payments, go to thomsonipmanagement.com or contact us at ipms.info@thomsonreuters.com.

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