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Re: U.S. Provisional Patent Application S.N. 60/496,750
**COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR MARKING
PROCAINE PENICILLIN**
Our Reference: 434-283 P

Dear Don:

This provisional patent application has now been on file for approximately six months and consideration should be given to filing a utility patent application. The estimated cost for preparing the utility application and filing same in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is approximately \$1,800.00 - \$3,000.00, plus the cost of drawings and the current government filing fee. Additional prosecution costs could range anywhere from \$500.00 to \$5000.00 (or more if an appeal becomes necessary), depending on the nature and type of rejection encountered.

Before proceeding with a utility patent application, it is recommended that you authorize me to commission a patentability search relative to this invention. Such a search will enable us to provide you with an opinion as to the likelihood of obtaining meaningful patent coverage. The estimated cost for this search is approximately \$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00. If you wish to proceed with a search, please forward your instructions to me as soon as possible.

Now is also a good time to consider filing for patent protection in foreign countries. The costs involved vary greatly depending on the particular country/region selected but we normally anticipate between \$8,000.00 and \$10,000.00 per country including various prosecution fees, translation costs, etc. Also, please be aware that most countries/regions require the payment of taxes, or annuities, to keep a patent application in force during its pendency and to maintain an issued patent.