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RE: Patent Application number **2003248601**  
in the name(s) of **Zhem-man Lin**.

Your Ref:

Dear Sir/Madam

The above patent application has lapsed under Patent Regulation 22.2E because of failure to pay the examination response fee listed in the Invitation to Pay dated 21 May 2008.

Should you wish to reinstate this application you may, depending upon the circumstances, apply under Section 223 of the Patents Act 1990 for an extension of time within which to carry out the action required.

If you need any further information please contact (02) 6283 2398. Alternatively, you may contact us by email at [assist@ipaustralia.gov.au](mailto:assist@ipaustralia.gov.au).

Yours faithfully

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RE: Application number **2003248601**  
in the name(s) of **Zhem-man Lin**

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Dear Zhem-man,

I have attached a copy of an email which was sent on 27 May 2008 in response to your follow up query on 26 May 2008. It is below in italics:

*Sorry for any misunderstanding as I believe I was quite clear in stating a fee is payable on or before 12 June 2008 for application 2003248601. The PCT filing fees that you paid when you originally filed your application does not cover any fees that are applicable when an application enters Nation Phase in the states you designated when filing your PCT application. Below is the link to the website you stated did not work for you previously, which specifies the fees that are payable to keep your patent in force.*

*[http://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/patents/fees\\_index.shtml](http://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/patents/fees_index.shtml)*

*The 5th year fee of \$250 AUD is due for your application, as I stated previously, on or before the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2008. I believe you have taken the PCT Applicants guide out of context as it is not the case that by paying your PCT filing fees you are automatically paid in full for the duration of your patent. If the above link does not work, (which it should) I have copied the relevant fee schedule from the IP Australia website for your records.*

***“To keep a standard patent application or standard patent in force, you must pay annual maintenance fees. Even if your patent has not been granted, you must pay maintenance fees from the 5th anniversary of the filing date of the complete application for a standard patent.***

***5th anniversary \$250***

*6th anniversary \$250  
7th anniversary \$250  
8th anniversary \$250  
9th anniversary \$250  
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11th anniversary \$400  
12th anniversary \$400  
13th anniversary \$400  
14th anniversary \$400  
15th anniversary \$900  
16th anniversary \$900  
17th anniversary \$900  
18th anniversary \$900  
19th anniversary \$900”*

*I have also attached a link for a payment options form which will enable you to pay your fees with a minimal amount of fuss.*

*<http://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/pdfs/finance/g01068.pdf>*

*If you require further clarification please let me know.*

*If you require further information to the email sent on 27 May 2008 please clarify what details you do not understand as the IP Australia website is quite clear stating that “you must pay maintenance fees from the 5th anniversary of the filing date of the complete application for a standard patent”.*

Further to the above information, currently your patent is in a state of Lapse due to failure to pay the examination response fees as per the Invitation to Pay which was issued on 21 May 2008. Please see letter attached. To have your application reinstated you must request an Extension of Time under Section 223 of the Patents Act 1990. These details are available on the IP Australia website.

Yours faithfully

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