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Questel•Orbit Releases FamPat - The Invention at the Heart of the Family -

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Questel•Orbit, a leading provider of intellectual property information services worldwide, announced today the release of FamPat, its new international patent family database.

FamPat is based on PlusPat, Questel•Orbit's well-known international patent database, producing the most extensive and current international patent file: more than 50 million records from 75 worldwide patenting authorities.

"FamPat represents a breakthrough in patent family databases," states Charles Besson, Questel•Orbit's CEO, "by offering greater searching options as well as the added display convenience of family records."

The FamPat patent family design groups together the patent records from the countries and patent issuing authorities in which protection for one particular invention has been applied for and/or granted. FamPat upholds the family spirit by considering the invention as the sole criterion.

This allows:

- a more precise and exhaustive search
- a concise display which can be expanded to related inventions

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