

Invention Disclosure Form

Completion of this document can assist a patent attorney in advising on a strategy for protecting your invention and in preparing a patent application

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**SECTION 1 – INVENTION DETAILS**

1.1 **Title of the Invention**:

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1.2 **Launch date/scheduled disclosures**: What date was/will the invention be launched (i.e., the first date on which details of the invention were/will be made public, or that the invention or product embodying the invention was/will be sold/offered for sale?)

**Please add the date of any planned public (non-confidential) disclosure of the invention**

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1.3 **Background of the invention**: Please explain the problem you are solving, why is the problem important, the existing solutions, and disadvantages of the existing solution. What advantage does the invention provide over any existing solutions to this problem?

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1.4 **Summary of the invention**: Please identify the key novel feature(s) which you consider distinguishes your idea (i.e. invention) from the existing solutions, and the significance of each feature to the way the invention works. What features of the invention, or Combination of Features, are new? What features of the invention solve the problem, or provide the advantage(s) listed above?

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1.5 **Detailed description of the invention**: Please provide a detailed example as to how the invention works and/or may be implemented, highlighting how the invention solves the problem identified and its advantages. How do the new features affect how the invention works? It can be useful to add flowcharts and schematic drawings where appropriate. This may include ***attachments*** from technical papers, presentations, etc.

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1.6 **Modifications and improvements**: Please outline any possible modifications or improvements you can foresee that could be made to the invention. Are there any features that can be omitted or replaced with something else that would have a similar result?

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1.7 **Avoidability/alternatives**: Could the invention be easily avoided by simple workarounds? For example, achieve a similar result by doing something different. Could the same outcome or advantage be achieved in a different way? If so, please describe any other ways the same outcome could be achieved.

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1.8 **Ongoing Research & Development**: Do you anticipate performing significant further R&D on the invention in the course of the next 12 months? If so, in what regards?

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1.9 **Trade secret**: Would it be easy to detect infringement? Are there details of the invention that you consider would be best if remained a secret to you/IP owner?

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**SECTION 2 – INVENTORSHIP AND OWNERSHIP**

2.1 Please list the names of all persons who have contributed (creatively, not purely financially) to the invention and possibly could be listed as an inventor.

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| Name:Employer:Country of Residence: Citizenship:Name:Employer:Country of Residence: Citizenship:Name:Employer:Country of Residence: Citizenship:Name:Employer:Country of Residence: Citizenship: |

2.2 Does another company or person potentially own rights in the invention? If so, please provide details of who they are and how they might own some rights.

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**SECTION 3 – PRIOR ART SEARCHES**

3.1 Have you found any published material which describe a subject matter which is the same, or similar, to the invention? Has this involved a patent search? Please list relevant publications or add links (images, slides, flowchart, video, CAD model, etc.) or attach copies of documents.

Please list relevant prior art documents (patent documents, books, journals, online material, etc.). If a patent search has been conducted, please provide details and relevant results.

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**SECTION 4 – PRIOR DISCLOSURES AND PRIOR COMMERICIAL USE**

4.1 **Prior disclosure / prior use**: Has there been any public disclosure of the invention or of related ideas? Examples of prior disclosure include publication on the Internet (e.g.you/IP owner website) or disclosure to a third party without an understanding of confidentiality. Furthermore, has the invention been used commercially? (E.g. has it been sold or offered to be sold to a client of the IP owner)

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| [ ]  ***No*** |
| [ ]   ***Yes*** |

If yes, please provide details of the disclosure, or use, including **where and when** the disclosure occurred. **There are grace periods available in some jurisdictions for prior self-disclosure. However, the patent attorneys need to take timely action in order to claim the benefit of the grace period**. Therefore it is important to notify the patent attorneys of any prior disclosure as soon as possible.

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**SECTION 5 – LICENSE, CONFIDENTIALITY, COPYRIGHT AND TRADE MARK**

5.1 **License**: Does the invention utilise technology licensed from or to a third party? Does the invention relate to any pending license negotiations?

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5.2 **Confidentiality**: Does the invention involve the use any information disclosed to you by a third party under a confidentiality agreement?

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5.3 **Copyright**: Does the invention involve the use any third party source code and standards?

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**SECTION 6 – COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

6.1 On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being most significant and 1 being least significant, how significant a commercial impact do you expect the invention will make to your business?

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6.2 How will having patent protection for the invention assist you to achieve this commercial impact? (e.g., increase profit if competitors cannot utilise the invention, additional revenue from licensing use of the invention to other parties, etc)

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6.3 How do you plan to monetise the invention? E.g., will you make/sell a product or service that uses the invention, and/or do you plan to licence the invention to third parties in return for a royalty?

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6.4 On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being most significant and 1 being least significant, how significant a commercial impact do you expect it would have on your business if you could not prevent a competitor from copying the invention?

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6.5 How long (in years) do you expect that the invention will remain valuable to your business?

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6.6 In which jurisdictions do you consider it may be important to have protection for the invention and why?

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6.7 **Key words and competitors:** Please list relevant key words associated with the technology area or the research field, and the names of key individuals or organisations relevant to the technology area or the research field.

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