

# INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PREPARE A PATENT SPECIFICATION

## (1) GENERAL FILING DETAILS

- (a) Please provide the **full name and address** of the company or individual in whose name the application is to be made. If the applicant is a company the A.C.N. must also be provided.
- (b) Please provide the **full names and addresses** of all persons that have contributed to the development of the invention, and their positions within the company or the nature of their relationship with the applicant, eg employee, contractor, etc.
- (c) Was the invention developed entirely by the company or individual specified or has there been co-operation or collaboration with any outside parties? Please give full details of any such co-operations.

## (2) DETAILS OF THE INVENTION

Please provide as much information as possible in answer to the following.

- (a) Why was the invention developed?
- (b) Is the invention a device or a method/process?
- (c) Please provide a general statement describing the technical field that the invention concerns. For example, "the present invention relates to a new method of producing conductive polymers".
- (d) Please describe what you believe to be the present state of the art in this field, identifying all its associated problems and failings. Please also provide, any relevant prior art references such as patents, technical documents, conference papers etc.
- (e) Which of these problems identified does the invention attempt to overcome?
- (f) What additional advantages does the invention have?
- (g) Which specific features of the present invention are considered novel over the prior art?
- (h) What is the present state of the development of your invention? If not yet fully developed, please describe the nature of any further developments, that are currently envisaged
- (i) Are there other areas to which the invention may be applied other than the specific application in question?
- (j) Please provide a full description of how the new invention is performed, including any simple numbered schematic diagrams or formulae which may assist in understanding how the invention works. Clean copies of unmarked drawings should also be included, together with a brief and simple explanation of any special terms of art used in the above text or diagrams.

## (3) TIME CONSTRAINTS

- (a) When is the first public (non-confidential) disclosure of the invention scheduled to take place?

**Note:** *Use of the invention other than for reasonable trial and experiment, or entering commercial transactions regarding the invention such as taking orders or even offering for sale etc, may all be considered non-confidential disclosures even if the actual workings of the invention are not disclosed. We strongly recommend that you seek our advice prior to planning any trial or entering any agreements concerning the invention.*