

# Patents Research

## Reducing the risks

Over one and a half million patent requests are filed across the world every year, including over 140,000 patents for the European Office alone.

Representing 80% of the technical information published in the world, patents are an essential source for anyone wishing to follow the progress of a particular market or technology.

Because it has not been able to exploit the information available in patents, global industry is wasting over 20 billion dollars a year developing already-patented technologies.

In order to exploit patent information in the best possible way, CENTREDOC offers searches on the State of the Art, Freedom to Operate and Novelty.

## State of the Art

Before undertaking any R&D programme, it is important to have a clear perspective of the various technological solutions already subject to protection. The use of information available in patents not only saves you unnecessary heavy spending but also provides a precious source of inspiration.

Based on the definition of the technological field you wish to explore, our searches on the state of the art make use of the best document research tools in order to give you as comprehensive a perspective as possible, with incomparable results relative to what public sources can offer.

The result of a search on the State of the Art takes the form of a synthesis report comprising the relevant documents, classified according to technical solutions.

## Freedom to Operate

Before launching a product on the market, it is important to ensure it does not infringe on an existing patent. A search on freedom of operation provides a good indication of the risk of infringement.

A request for a search on freedom of operation must include a detailed technical description of your product.

Once we have obtained results using the professional databases available to us, a thorough study of the

identified documents allows us to define their validity and geographical coverage.

The result of a Freedom to Operate search takes the form of a synthesis report comprising the relevant documents and our analysis.

## Novelty

Identifying the degree of novelty of your inventions is the key to making the right decision. Based on the description of your invention or the claims in your patent request, we carry out a search for novelty across the numerous databases of patents and scientific publications available to us.

The results of a search for Novelty takes the form of a synthesis report comprising the relevant documents and a comparison with your own invention.

## Cost

Our search services are offered for a fixed fee such as CHF 2'100.- (€1'400.-) for a standard search on the state of the art. Your request is evaluated in order to establish the detailed cost and the time required for completion.

## Schedule

Search results are usually delivered within three weeks after receiving your order. Special timeframes can be discussed in the event of an emergency or a complex request.

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