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In today's work environment, everyone is trying to do more with less. When it comes to research, however, you can't afford to cut corners. You need a company with the global resources, experience, and industry knowledge to ensure you get complete, accurate information every time. Our Patent

Search Services team gives you exactly that. We understand the art of searching patents, literature, competitive intelligence, and market data. We also possess the breadth and depth of knowledge necessary to fulfill your requests, on time and within budget.

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We can provide research assistance to your firm in many areas, including:

Clearance, right-to-use and freedom-to-operate searching

Find out if you have the freedom to operate in a particular technology area and avoid potential risk of infringement. Our unique position as the world's leading provider of patent and scientific literature databases, combined with our decades of expertise, makes us an ideal partner.

With our global reach, Patent Search Services can review patents in the native languages of many countries (e.g., Germany, Japan, Korea, and China). Before your organization invests potential millions in R&D, our experts can perform an infringement search to provide you with peace of mind.

Collection and state-of-the-art searching

Get a broad technical overview of a given field by using our domain experts. We can provide an overview by reviewing published patents, applications, and nonpatent literature, and help your firm understand technology trends.

Competitive and technical intelligence searching

Uncover new competitive insights to help you manage business plans. Our consultants are experienced in performing strategic, technical, and competitive intelligence projects with Fortune 100 customers across a wide variety of industries. We are the only firm capable of combining search service offerings with leading analysis products, such as Derwent Innovation™ and Derwent Data Analyzer™.

Novelty, patentability and prior art searching

Reduce legal spend and wasted R&D efforts, and increase patent quality and patent grant success rates through a rigorous 'knock out' program. Determine if the ideas being generated are patentably distinct before you spend significant fees on prosecution. We work with a number of top law firms, providing patentability search reports in a timely fashion and within budget. Clients also leverage report references to improve draft quality and better argue prior art with examiners during prosecution or challenges at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB).

Patent watches, alerts and profiles

Monitor critical new technology developments in your industry. Our patent and non-patent watch, alert and profile services provide a full range of current awareness and competitor monitoring.

Validity and invalidity searching

We can perform an exhaustive validity search against the claims of any patent through our extensive domain experience and database coverage. We work with some of the largest IP litigation firms in the United States and our work has proven beneficial in hundreds of cases.

A complete spectrum of search service solutions to meet your needs – from small one-time transactions to large-scale integrated solutions.

Trusted experts since 1961

Our strength is our people. Since 1961 we have employed in-house industry experts, including former patent examiners and patent agents with intellectual property experience and advanced degrees in a variety of disciplines. Our team of experts is global, with searchers and technology specialists in the U.S., Japan, India, and more locations around the world. Our experts utilize the best data sources, making sure that no stone is left unturned, and work quickly and efficiently to complete your research.

We help law firms, corporations, government agencies, and universities with patentability, infringement, validity, technical landscaping, and other patent research projects. You can be confident that our experts will meet your needs at the exact price, in the exact time frame, and with the exact deliverables as quoted.

Unmatched access to best-in-class sources

With our Patent Search Services headquarters based in Alexandria, Virginia, we are just steps from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). We can leverage their built-for-purpose tools (EAST and WEST databases) to perform patent searches, and our close proximity to the USPTO allows us to better discuss particularly difficult search strategies with patent examiners. In addition, we have full access to our industry-leading patent products including Derwent Innovation™, Derwent World Patents Index™, and Web of Science for patent and nonpatent literature, and use the information sources best suited to answer your particular business questions.

A partner capable of providing integrated one-stop offerings

Clarivate Analytics provides a true one-stop shop of services and solutions to meet your patent management business needs. As part of our Virtual IP Office (clarivate.com/virtual-ip-office) offerings, our Patent Search

Services can be combined with our other services, such as Patent Drafting, Docketing, Paralegal, IP Analytics Consulting, File Histories, and Translation. We routinely work with customers who request a search performed in a non-English language, the search report written in English, and patents translated as needed. Additionally, the results of our search services can be further analyzed and presented using Derwent Innovation or Derwent Data Analyzer. This gives you a complete spectrum of search service solutions to meet your needs – from small one-time transactions to large-scale integrated solutions.

Wide breadth of technical expertise

Our Patent Search Services are utilized by companies across a wide range of industries.

A small sample of the technical areas where we have detailed subject matter expertise include:

- Advanced materials
- Antibiotics
- Automotive
- Biotechnology
- Business methods
- Chemical and Markush structures
- Chemistry
- Computer hardware
- Electrical engineering
- Fluid mechanics
- Genetics
- Heavy equipment
- Hydraulics
- Hydrocarbons
- Life sciences
- Mechanical engineering
- Medical devices
- Oil and gas
- Personal care products
- Pesticides
- Pharmaceuticals
- Polymers
- Process engineering
- Software
- Telecommunications
- Thermodynamics

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