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IPI Office

IPI Office meets with Inventor(s)

Review

Meets Criteria

NO

Invention return to Inventor(s)

YES

Assign Patent Attorney (P.A.)

P.A. meets with Inventor(s)

Patent and Market Assessment

IPI Office reviews patent and market assessment

NO

Invention return to Inventor(s)

YES

File for protection

Initiate Marketing Process

PCT Application

Continue Marketing Process

Office Actions

Foreign Filing Deadline

Potential Licensee Identified

No Licensee Identified

Licensee pays prosecution

Licensee does not pay prosecution

U.S. rights maintained

All foreign rights abandoned

Patent prosecution and maintenance continued

Patent costs and maintenance reviewed on an annual basis (cost vs. benefit)

Review annual prosecution and maintenance costs every \$20K (based on commercial potential)