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CAPABILITY STATEMENT

Griffith Hack's Information Services Group provides tailored, timely patent search strategies to keep our clients updated with developments in their technology focus area, along with who the key players are and the patent landscape in their field of expertise. The group's professional advice helps clients maximise the commercial value of their intellectual property assets.

The Information Services Group's four professional searchers work with clients to devise and finalise the search query which delivers the most valuable results, collaborating with the relevant Griffith Hack attorney to conduct the search, review the results and discuss its implications with the client. The search can be updated and reported to our clients at the frequency of their choice.

Griffith Hack has developed proprietary search software allowing us to offer our clients a unique service. We harvest all of the major international subscription databases. Our searches are thorough, cost-effective and prompt.

The Information Services Group provides:

- a regular alert or watch service for new international patent applications based on specific competitors or a subject field;
- international landscape and novelty searches in a subject field;
- a periodic report of newly accepted Australian patent applications based on specific competitors or subject fields;
- freedom to operate searches ("infringement searches");
- family, owner and status searches.

Griffith Hack has solved the problem of manipulating hundreds of search results, making it easy for clients to review and rank returned patent specifications. The results of our searches are provided on a CD in a user-friendly format. Copies of the specifications for the patents or patent applications are included.

Results of our searches are also provided in an Excel or database format, which allows further analysis and knowledge management. We can also advise on and utilise different analysis techniques and tools.

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George has been a patent searcher since graduating with a PhD in organic chemistry in 2000. He is very experienced in searching many commercial and publicly available patent databases. He conducts searches in all technology fields and specialises in chemical structure and biosequence searching. He has been involved in researching the effectiveness and limitations of various search systems. George joined Griffith Hack in 2005 and is currently involved in developing Griffith Hack's in-house custom built search management system.



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Helen has been a patent and technical searcher for more than 30 years, having been involved with the earliest on-line searching in Australia as Senior Patent Information Officer at ICI. As a qualified librarian she has vast experience in searching patent, technical and techno-commercial databases and her specialty is intellectual property due diligence searching. Helen also joined Griffith Hack in 2005.



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Sandy has been a searcher with Griffith Hack since 1995 and has considerable experience in searching throughout all fields of activity of the firm's clients. His previous roles working for international companies have given him unique experience in a range of industries including construction, mining and manufacturing, and in a range of technologies including portland cement, industrial organic and inorganic coatings and sealants, civil and mechanical engineering methods, machines and equipment.



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As part of Griffith Hack's Information Services Team, Lynne performs various types of patent searches carried out across a wide range of technologies. Her professional experience includes roles in knowledge management and technology transfer between a major research institution and a publicly listed biotech company. She also has expertise in management consulting, business conferences and international aid. Lynne's language skills include Mandarin, Bahasa Malaysia and French.



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Prior to joining Griffith Hack, Fiona had wide experience in special libraries and the TAFE library systems in Victoria and Queensland. At Griffith Hack Fiona sources and provides quality information to Griffith Hack professional staff and clients, and maintains a useful library service, which requires the acquisition of books, journals and databases.



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Tracey has been with the firm for over 20 years. She has extensive experience with the many and varied information requirements necessitated by the diverse cases a firm such as Griffith Hack manages. Reference and research is conducted both personally and by locating appropriate outside sources. Tracey also handles the day-to-day running of the Melbourne office Library services, some of which include newsletters, subscriptions, acquisitions, and maintaining the library catalogue.

