



THE GLOBAL PATENT

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Patent Search

Novelty is an essential requirement for your Invention to be Patentable. Therefore it is recommended that before filing for a Patent with the EPO, a Patent search is carried out to ensure that your Invention is new.

A Patent search may also be used if you are interested in knowing the latest state of the art in a certain technological area.

The following are the suggested websites for conducting Patent searches:

Google Patents: <http://www.google.com/patents>
esp@cenet: http://ep.espacenet.com/?locale=en_EP
PATENTSCOPE®: <http://www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/>

Application

A PCT Application may be done by applying online through the following WIPO website: <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.html>



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