



# IP Assets Management and IP Audit: Company's Business Strategy

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### Intellectual Property Assets Management GANIZATION TO THE LIBRORY OF THE PROPERTY ASSETS MANAGEMENT TO THE P



Trademarks, Patents, Industrial Designs, Copyright, ...

Confidential information, know-how, trade secrets, ...

Business's most valuable assets

More than 75% of your business

value

IP has to be identified, protected and maintained



### **Intellectual Property**



The IP which underpins your business's brand, reputation, products and services

IP strategy will ensure that your IP is protected and will build value for your business in the future.







### **IP Assets Management and IP Audit**

### Develop

- Define Protection strategies
- Identify IP assets to be registered
- Consider international territories.
- Tax reliefs, R&D tax credits (new IP)

### Exploit

- Strategic distribution
- Licensing
- Joint venture
- Data sharing agreements (research and development)

### Defend

- Benchmarking competitors
- Recognising infringements
- Being prepared to defend the IP



Systematic, thorough and solution-focused review of your IP assets to make sure that you are using them in a way which generates value for your business





### **IP Assets Management and IP Audit**



Executive Board IP Assets
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**IP AUDIT** 

IP owned

Review

IP used

IP acquired



Research and Development (R&D)

Manage Risk

Remedy problems

Detect unused or under-utilized assets

Infringements

Actions to be taken





### Type of IP Audit

### General purpose IP Audit

- Starting a new company
- New IP policies, standards or procedures
- Reorganization of the company.
- New person asresponsible for IP management.

### Event driven IP Audit ("IP due diligence")

- Before entering into a financial transaction involving IP
- Buying or selling a division, product line
- Licensing
- Bankruptcy
- IP disputes
- Outsourcing

### Limited purpose focused audits

- Personnel turnover
- Foreign IP filings
- Using the Internet for business purposes
- Significant changes in IP law and practice
- Clean room procedures
- Preparing for litigation





**Planning** 

Preparation

Performing

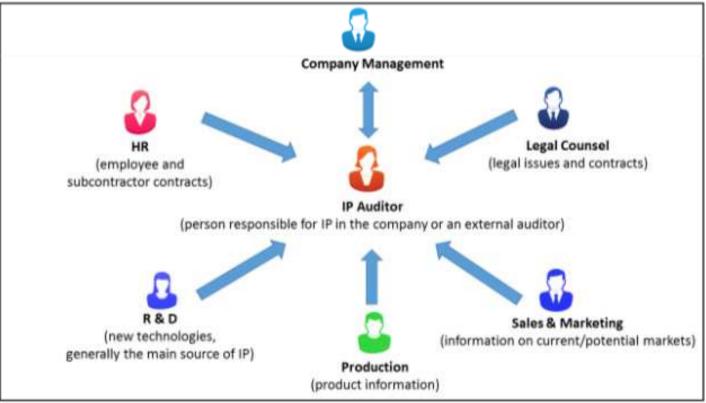
Final Report

Scope

Audit Team

Time and Budget

Source: European IPR Helpdesk







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**SWOT** 

**IP Valuation** 







### IPscore: Free IP valuation self-diagnostic tool

### IPscore can be used to assess

- Patents and patented Technology
- •R & D Proyects, even when there is not a patent yet
- Ideas and project proposals

### **IPscore consists of:**

- 40 valuation factors
- Predefined scales that guide responses
- a quick estimate of the monetary value of a patent (net present value)
- reports on a single patent or a whole patent portfolio
- a database that offers documentation and evaluation updates





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**IP Inventory** 

**SWOT Analysis** 

Actions to take

**SWOT** 

**IP Valuation** 

Source

European IPR Helpdesk. Fact Sheet IP Audit: Uncovering the potential of your business



# SPTO Technological Information Service. Helping to SMEs IP





Management

Technological Information Service

Retrospective searches

Custom
Technology
Surveillance
Reports

Patent Technological Reports (ITP)

General Information

F R F

E E DATA
BASES
Access

Technology Watch Bulletins and Technology Alerts



Idea Generation



How can patent information improve the success rate of R&D&I projects?

PERTY

Patent information to make sure that someone else has not already developed the idea and that the expected results can be patented

Development

Patent information to identify the most promising and profitable technologies

Patent information to identify overlooked technological niches and as a source of inspiration

Investment Decision



Patent information to follow up on the requests being published and to circumvent those that could affect the project purpose as early as possible

Research and Development

Patent information to evaluate the patentability of the results and draft a good patent application



Results Protection

Patent information to evaluate freedom to operate



Market launch

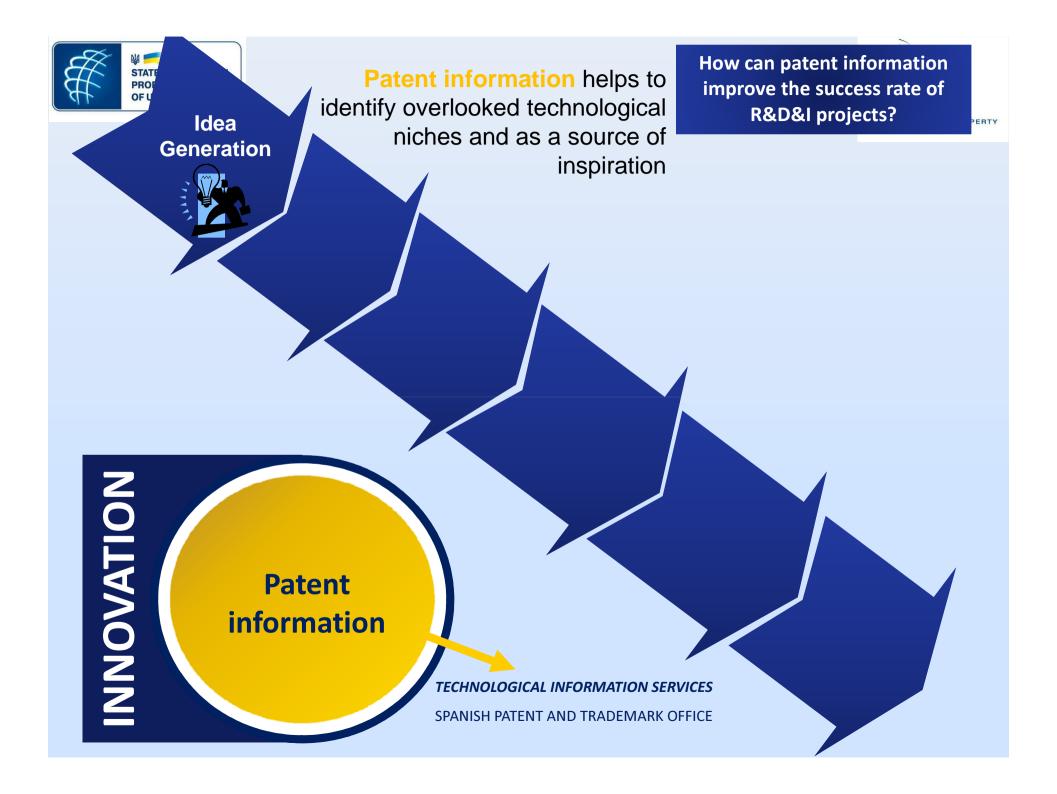
INNOVATION

Patent information

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# Helping IP Management from SPTO



### **Objetive:** Tidal Power Generation Systems

### Searcjhing criteria

### - European Patents Clasification

F03B13/00 Machines or engines for liquids.....

**F03B13/12.** characterised by using wave or tide energy

F03B13/26 .. using tide energy

**F03B13/26B...** [N: using the relative movement between a tide-operated member and another member]

**F03B13/26C...** [N: using the horizontal flow of water resulting from tide movement]

F03B13/26D ... [N: to compress air]

F03B13/26F... [N: making use of a dam]

F03B17/00 Machines or engines for liquids: Other machines or engines

F03B17/06. using liquid flow [N: with predominantly kinetic energy conversion], e.g. of swinging-flap type,

[N: "run-of-river", "ultra-low head" (F03B13/26C takes precedence)] [C9802]

F03B17/06B.. [N: with rotation axis substantially in flow direction]

**F03B17/06C..** [N: with rotation axis substantially at right angle to flow direction]

F03B17/06C2... [N: the flow engaging parts having no movement relative to the rotor during its rotation]

F03B17/06C2B.... [N: and a rotor of the endless-chain type] [N9802]

**F03B17/06C3...** [N: the flow engaging parts having a cyclic movement relative to the rotor during its rotation]

**F03B17/06C3A....** [N: and a rotor of the endless-chain type] [N9802]

**F03B17/06C3B....** [N: the cyclic relative movement being positively coupled to the movement of rotation] [C9802]

F03B17/06C3B2..... [N: and a rotor of the endless-chain type] [N9802]

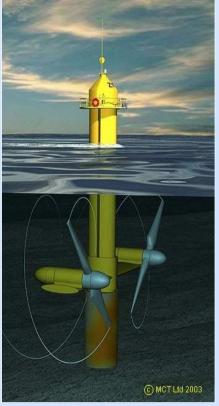


# Helping IP Management from SPTO



A series of documents containing the main lines of current development are discussed:

The document WO2007045853, the company Marine Current Turbines, describes a horizontal axis turbine with two-bladed rotor and anchored to the seabed by a pile, which can support one or more turbines. This pile rises to the surface, so that the turbines can be raised on the sea surface for maintenance / ....





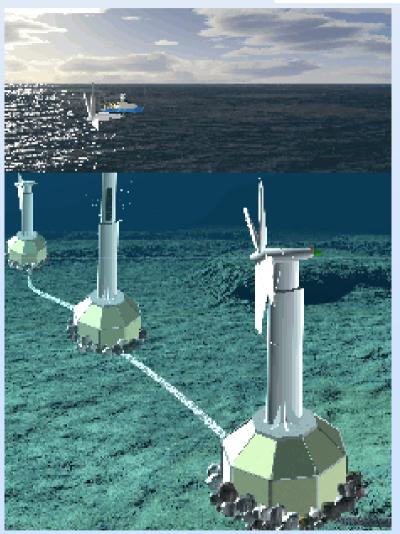


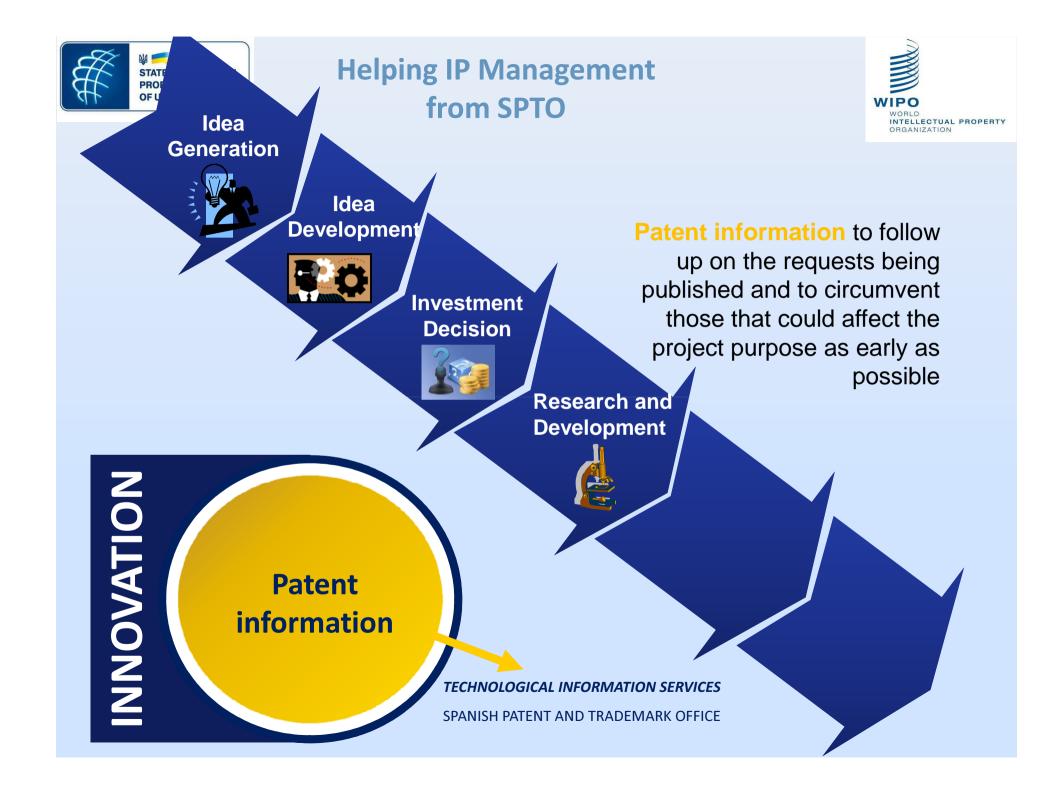


The document WO2005057006, University of Wales, also describes a horizontal axis turbine supported in this case by a column that sits on the sea or river bed by a concrete block. The column is telescopic, so that the turbine can emerge surface to perform maintenance tasks. The turbine may comprise a system for regulating the orientation of the blades, and the transmission to the alternator may be direct or via a gear system.



Decision: Carefully analyze existing patents









# **Objetive:** Reproductive and respiratory syndrome Virus (PRRS)

#### SEARCHING STRATEGY

#### >> Patent International Patent Classification

C12N15/4+: Mutation or genetic engineering...

... Proteins from RNA viruses, e.g. flaviviruses

#### Key Words

PRRS, Pig(s), disease, mystery

#### Applicants

Ohlinger, Wensvoort, Edwards, Collins, Virology, Veterninary, Minnesota, Diergenneeskundis



### Helping IP Management from SPTO



On porcine respiratory and reproductive syndrome (PRRS), it has not located any documents that mention or even the disease itself.

TI - New proteins from porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus and recombinant baculovirus(es) producing them, useful in vaccines and for diagnostic detection of antibodies.

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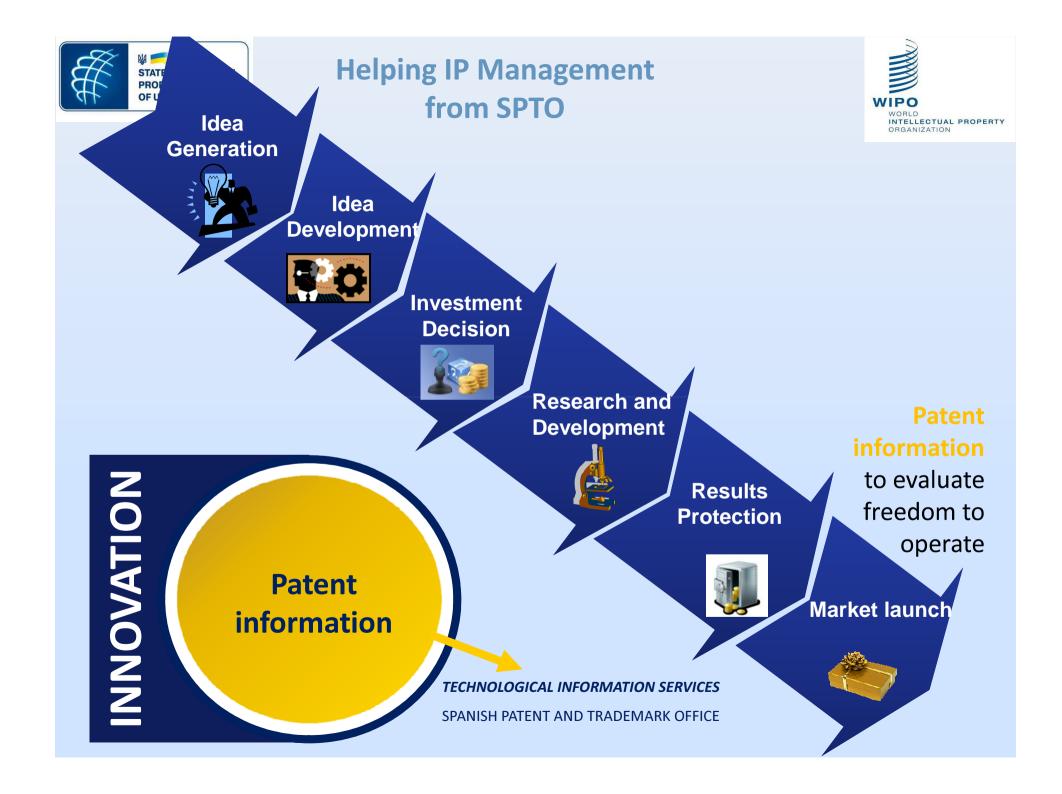
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Decision: patent in several countries







# Objetive: Small robot equipped with brushes, powered by electricity and compressed air for cleaning air conditioning ducts

Among the documents recovered with the scope of protection in Spain, the patent ES2.108.105 (Eriksson, Sven)

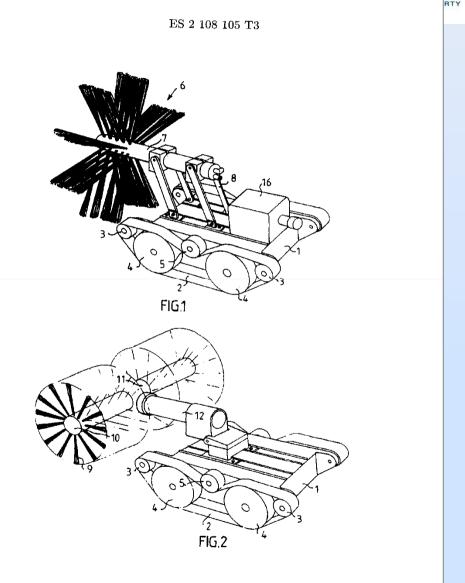
claims a very similar to the apparatus subject of this report: "Device for cleaning ducts internally ... particularly vents which includes a motor vehicle and a rotating brush ...."







# Decision: not manufacture in Spain





# IP Assets Management and IP Audit



### Consequences of not managing IP assets

- Not only failing to protect assets, but Infringing others assets
- Duplication of efforts to redevelop existing needs
- Loss of potential benefits (revenue, reputation, industry development) from failing to commercialize



# IP Assets Management and IP Audit



### Intellectual Property Assets Management

Develop



Exploit



Defend





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