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INFORMATION SHEET FOR PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION IN THE US

Document required	Specification and drawings; name and address of all inventors
Language	English
Examination	Formality examination
Application procedure	1) Filing the application; 2) Formality examination
Processing time for filing application	2-3 working days
Patent renewal and duration	No renewal is required. The patent will automatically expire within twelve months from filing the application
Assignment	Not available
Licensing	Not available



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INFORMATION SHEET FOR NON PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION IN THE US

Documents required	Patent specification; particulars of the inventors and applicant; Declaration form and Assignment form (if needed); an original certified copy of the priority document (if priority is claimed)
Language	English
Examination	Formality examination and Substantive examination
Application procedure	1) Filing the application; 2) Formality examination; 3) Publication; 4) Substantive examination; 5) Office Action; 6) Granting or rejecting the application; 7) If granting, paying issue fee and publication fee, if rejected, filing appeal or abandon the application; 8) Publication and issuance of certificate
Processing time for registration	2 – 4 years from date of filing the application
Patent renewal and Duration	Patent renewal must be attended to during the 3.5, 7.5 and 11.5 years from the issue date of the patent in order to maintain those validity. The maximum term of the patent is about 20 years from the effective filing date of the patent
Assignment	A true copy of the assignment deed
Licensing	A true copy of the license agreement

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