





National Seminar on IP Asset Valuation for Technology Transfer

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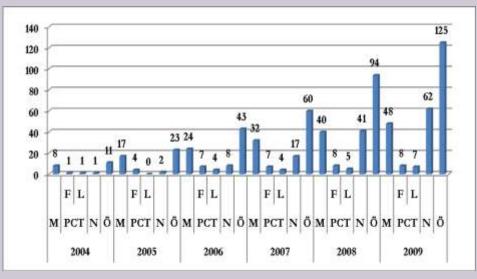
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Patent portfolio of BIOPOLISZ Ltd.



Notes

M: Hungarian applications

PCT: PCT application (phases I. and II.)

F: PCT in process

L: PCT procedure finished

N: national applications

Ö: patent applications in total









The main indicators of BIOPOLISZ Ltd. between 2004 and 2010

Type of indicator	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	June 30, 2010
Prior art research	7	9	14	29	18	19	6
New patent applications	10	7	15	16	13	6	4
Project application	1	30	34	17	35	23	1
Technology law and spin-off cases	0	4	4	18	21	34	9
Participation in Hungarian							
conferences	21	24	2	28	11	28	6
Participation in international							
conferences	4	13	9	2	8	7	5
Business planning	4	2	n.a	3	0	0	0









Legal services of BIOPOLISZ Ltd. between 2007 and 2009

Technology law and spin-off cases	2007	2008	2009	June 30, 2010.
Licensing	13	2*	10	2
Elaborating and checking other, innovation-related	0	E	o	0
agreements	0	5	8	0
Written opinions and due diligences	0	10	4	1
Other technology law consultancy	0	4	8	5
Spin-off cases*	5	2*	4	1
Total:	18	21	34	9

Note:* with both spin-off cases, licensing consultancy was also needed







Presenting the research work of the DA_ELEM_07 INNOVTIT-project

Analysis of disclosures

Distribution of the number of disclosed PRO inventions

Year of disclose	Number of inventions	Ratio of inventions
2005.	15	18,07%
2006.	13	15,66%
2007.	32	38,55%
2008.	12	14,46%
2009.	11	13,25%
Total	83	100,00%

In each year approx. 15 new PRO dislosures are expected in the region.







Analysis of the patentibility tests

Distribution of the patentability test results

Result	Ratio of patentability tests	Number of patentability tests
Patentable	94,59%	35
Not patentable	5,41%	2
Total	100,00%	37

More than 94 % of the inventions with patentability tests (37) were considered patentable.







Analysis of Prior Art

Number of Prior Art researches taken per year

Year	Number of Prior Arts
2005.	15
2006.	9
2007.	33
2008.	13
2009.	12
Total	82

Goal: to get a realistic picture of the expected outcome of patenting before undertaking patenting costs







Analysis of Prior Arts

Distribution of Prior Art results

Result	Ratio of researches	Number of researches
	researches	researches
Proposing the invention for patent/utility model application	35,21%	25
Proposing the invention for patent/utility model application with notes	43,66%	31
Application of the invention for patent/utility model is not proposed	21,13%	15
Total	100,00%	71

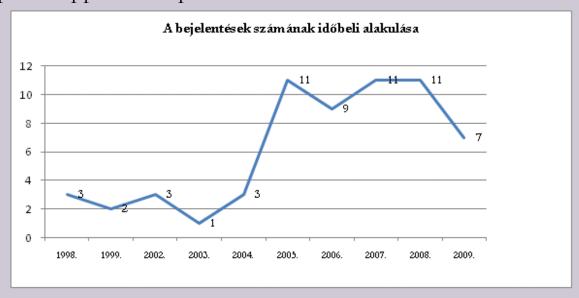
Among the prior art researches, 71 contained information on whether the invention is advisable for filing.







Evaluation of the documents required for industrial property protection Number of patent applications per annum



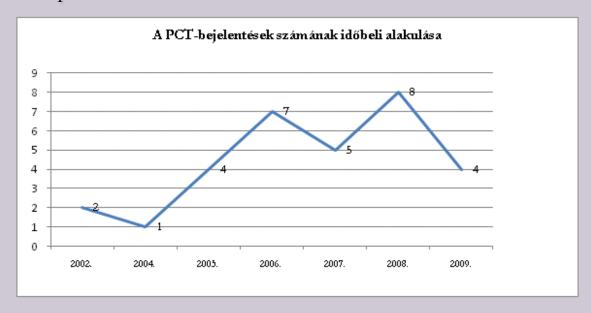
The research used a database that contains industrial property data of 61 regional academic patent applications. The number of patent applications between 2005 and 2008 was 9-11 / year.







Evaluation of the documents required for industrial property protection Number of PCT's per annum



Out of the 61 priority patent protection in the examined period 31 PCT filings were made in the examined period.







Evaluation of the documents required for industrial property protection

Breakdown of filings in terms of the setout of national phases

Set out of national phase	Ratio of priority applications	Number of priority applications	Ratio of PCT-applications	Number of PCT-applications
National phase was set out	21,31%	13	41,94%	13
National phase was not set out	78,69%	48	58,06%	18
Total	100,00%	61	100,00%	31

Out of the patent protections one fifth or 13 got into the national stage. National phases were set out only in approx. 40 % of the PCT filings.







Analysis of the licensing agreements

Distribution of the licensing agreements in terms of the degree of licensing lump sum

Upfront	% of licensing agreements	# of licensing agreements
Under 1.600.000 HUF	16,67%	1
1.600.000 - 2.600.000	66,67%	4
HUF		
Above 2.600.000,- HUF	16,67%	1
Total	100,00%	6

The upfront examined in the licensing agreements is between 1,5-3,5 million HUF (6-15k EUR).







Analysis of the licencing agreements

Distribution of the licensing agreements in terms of royalty

Degree of Royalty	Ratio of licencing	Number of licencing
	agreements	agreements
Between 1% and 5%	71,43%	5
More than 5%	28,57%	2
Total	100,00%	7

The licensing fee (royalty) specified in percentage of the utilized value of the licensing agreement is in the range of 1 %-6,75%.

According to the realization of the invention's through licensing it is ascertain that despite all efforts of the University for invention protection, the vast majority of the public funded R&D results remains of public domain.







Invention lifeline

Distribution of the inventions in terms of the utilization in the form of licensing

Utilization in a form of licencing	Ratio of inventions	Number of inventions
Inventions utilized in a licencing form	6,09%	7
Inventions not utilized in a licencing form	93,91%	108

About 6 % of the inventions were utilized by licensing.







Invention lifeline

Distribution of the inventions in terms of utilization at the spin-off companies

Utilization at the spin-off companies *	Ratio of inventions	Number of inventions
Inventions utilized at the Spin-off companies	11,30%	13
Inventions not utilized at the Spin-off companies	88,70%	102
Total	100,00%	115

About 11.3 % of the inventions was utilized in spin-off companies.

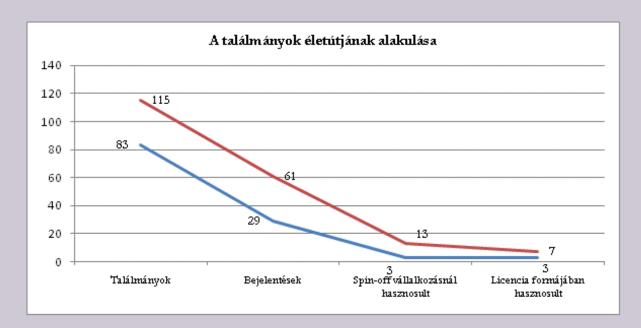






Inventions lifeline

The invention lifeline









Methods for IP valuation at TTOs:

Tools for the valuation of a given invention or technology, thus helping to make strategical decisions concerning that invention

When using evaluation methods, several aspects should be considered, e.g. the development level of the technology to be evaluated

Development levels:

- Early phase : idea, patent, prototype or spin-off company
- Second phase: not a product yet, but a working technology, invention or project
- Third phase: products already on the market or ready to be introduced on the market







Development level

1st phase projects

2nd phase projects

3rd phase projects

Citation map / prior art research

Evaluation methods

Cost-based evaluation method

Market-based evaluation method

Option-based evaluation method

Income-based evaluation method







There are two qualitative ways of IPR asset valuation:

- citation map
- research of the prior art / freedom to operate







Some of the main tasks of technology transfer offices

- Examining the criteria of novelty and inventive step with a prior art research, based on the keywords of the invention
- Freedom to operate analysis
 -To check whether a certain activity (technology) infringes any existing patent







A prior art research summarizes the state of the art patents and articles However, taking the related technological and market trends into consideration is also advised

Thus, it is useful to prepare a citation map and a corresponding analysis. These help to reveal the current participants on the technology's market and their IP strategies

Citation maps

- Consist of citations and references
- •With the help of theses references (and the applicant data) found in patent applications, it is possible to outline the future market trends
- •Thus, it is possible to constantly follow the market trends of a particular technology
- •Citation maps also enable the enterprises to keep track with the **competitors** of their patents







To determine the technology trends of an early phase technology:

- First, we have **to find the relevant patents by a prior art research** or a freedom to operate analysis
- Then, we can draw the citation map of these patents
- The map of patent references is based on the relationships of patents
- The map will show the relations among the patents of e.g. a start-up company and the patents of companies already on the market
- The density of the citations of patents will show what patents determine the technology's market trends the most
- For a company, it is useful to examine its patents and constantly monitor the companies that cite its patents

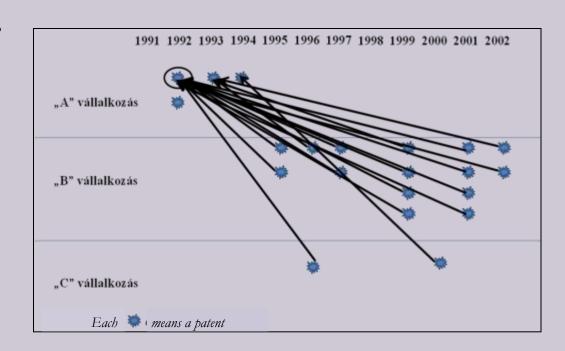






This figure shows the references to the patents of company 'A'. The first patent is cited the most out of the four. It is also apparent that the patents of company 'B' significantly refer to the circled patent of company 'A'.

Citation map of company 'A'



Source: Kayal (2001), p. 59.









- The evaluation method does not tell the exact value of a patent but enables to use the number of the references to estimate the possible competitors and thus the importance of the patent
- In general, the more references there are to a patent, the more valuable it is
- This evaluation method can be useful even to decide which patent is worth to maintain
- This method can be used in all the 3 development phases
- As the technologies of universities and public-funded research institutions are mainly in the 1st phase, prior art researches, citation maps and cost-based evaluation methods are the most advised
- Thus, the evaluation is mostly qualitative, without metric indicators







