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The Journal

24 December 2010

The December edition of The Journal has now been posted on the site.

You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
 - [The December 2010 edition – Journal 1578](#)
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Correction to Journal 1576 – October 2010

Errors with the data in the Designs section of Journal 1576 were found. Those errors have been corrected. To view the correct version of the Designs journal information [click here](#).

We apologise for any inconvenience.

The Journal

The November edition of the Journal has now been posted on the site.

You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
 - [The November 2010 edition – Journal 1577](#)
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Branding Changes for IPONZ

22 November 2010

The Intellectual Property Office has adopted a new visual identity to align its branding with the fern branding. This follows the changes made with the Companies Office and [business.govt.nz](#).

The first noticeable changes are on our website where you will see the new branding applied to our home page. Over the course of the next few months as we deplete our existing stocks of stationary you will see these changes applied to reports, correspondence letters, envelopes, forms etc.

Customers have asked for our branding to appear on documents they can view via our "View IP History" service online. As a result of the branding changes we will be able to facilitate this and customers should start to see branding appear on documents over the coming months.

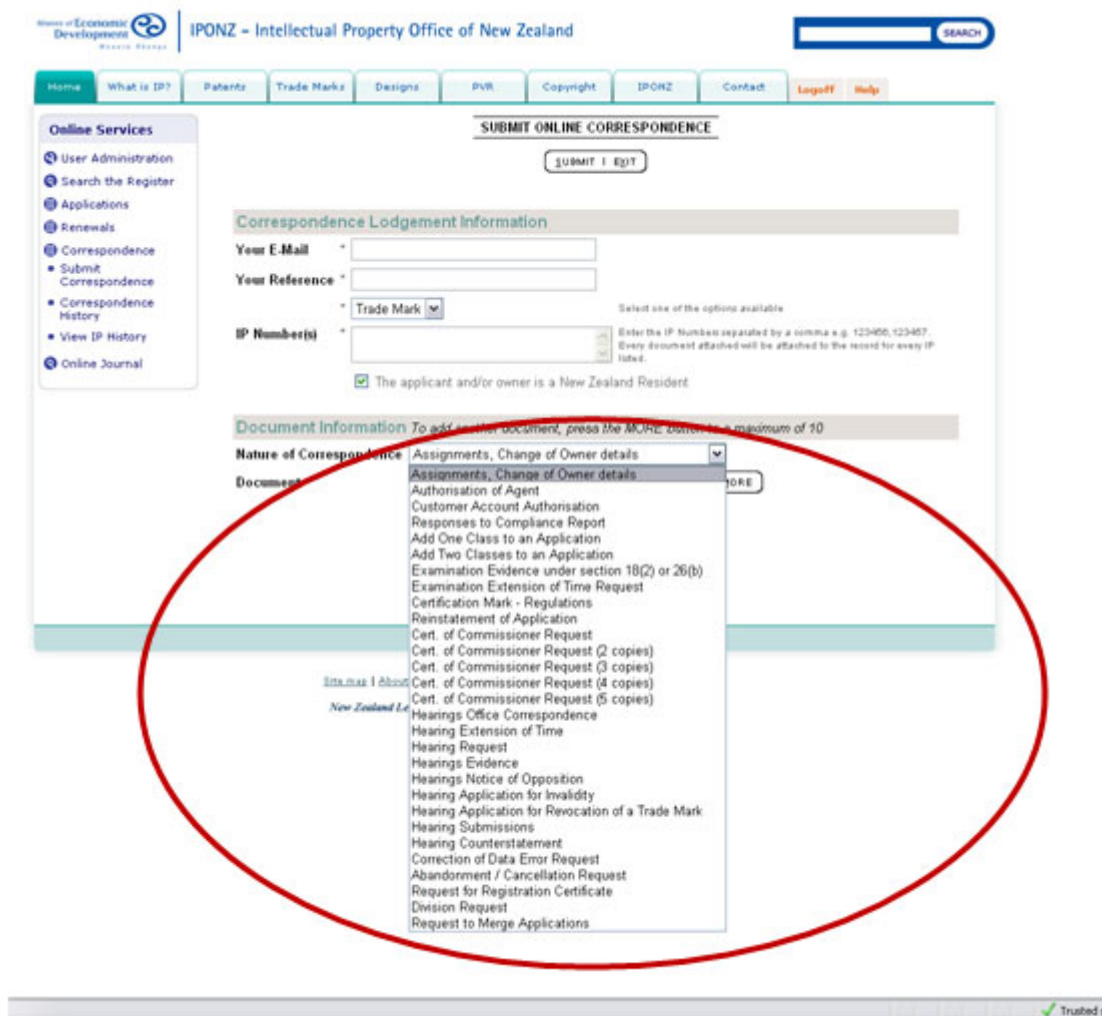
Trade marks online correspondence improvements

19 November 2010

In response to client requests we have made the following changes to improve the trade mark online correspondence service:

- Changed the correspondence descriptions. For example ‘Response to objections under section 5, 21-24, 31, 32 or General’ and ‘Response to objections under section 17, 18 or 25’ are now combined into one type and called ‘Response to Compliance Report’. This is to capture all correspondence to an examiner including a response to compliance report, Abeyance and Rejection Requests;
- Introduced new correspondence document options. For example, ‘Hearing Submissions’ is now available online for filing written submissions for hearings, ‘Request for Registration Certificate’ is also now available online for filing a request for a copy of the Registration Certificate and IP Summary Report;
- Reordered the online correspondence dropdown list to make it easier to select the appropriate nature of correspondence; and
- Created a [Fact Sheet](#) to help determine the nature of correspondence to select.

What do the improvements look like?



You can keep track of your correspondence with the Office via [View IP History service](#).

Details of our online services can be found [here](#).

The Journal

The October edition of the Journal has now been posted on the site.

You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
- [The October 2010 edition – Journal 1576](#)

New search option – Modify Search

18 October 2010

Have you ever wanted to be able to modify your search criteria while searching our registers?

Now you can, IPONZ has enhanced the Register search screens for patents, trade marks and designs. You now have an option to modify your search by selecting the 'Modify Search' button on the Search Results screen. This will take you back to the search screen and your original search criteria. This enhancement enables you to easily redefine your search to obtain the search results that you're looking for.

What does the new search option look like?

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JAI

SUBMIT SEARCH
NEW SEARCH
MODIFY SEARCH

Search Results: ID 13306383 - 8 hits from 487,374 records on 18 Oct 10 08:41
Search Criteria: JAI

Currently Displaying records 1 - 8

Trade Mark Number	Title	Current Proprietor (first only)	System .Class	Status	Mark
<input type="checkbox"/> 617423	JK TECHLENS	JAI KUDO LIMITED	4B	Expired	
<input type="checkbox"/> 659550	representation only	New Zealand Immigration & Investment Consultancy Limited	8(42)	Registered	
<input type="checkbox"/> 705731	MUAN JAI	STARBUCKS CORPORATION d/b/a STARBUCKS COFFEE COMPANY	8(30)	Registered	MUAN JAI
<input type="checkbox"/> 789401	CYGNETT	Cygnett Pty Ltd	9B	Registered	CYGNETT
<input type="checkbox"/> 811897	JAI KUDO	PURE TECHNOLOGY LIMITED TRADING AS JAI KUDO	9B	Registered	JAI KUDO

Read more about...

- [searching for patents](#)
- [searching for trade marks](#); and
- [searching for designs](#).

The Plant Variety Rights Journal

The latest quarterly edition of the Journal is now available.

To view the journal click here: [PVR Journal No. 123 published 14 October 2010](#).

PVR technical note – endophyte free trialling

The PVRO is introducing a new requirement for the DUS testing of grass varieties in October 2010. All seed submitted for use in the grass DUS centralised trialling must be endophyte free and will apply from the beginning of the 2011-2012 trialling season. This new requirement will apply for all new applications for varieties of grass species received after 14 October 2010.

For more information on this requirement please see the [technical note](#).

The Journal

The September edition of the Journal is now available.

You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
 - [The September 2010 edition – Journal 1575](#)
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New Zealand's Goods & Services Tax (GST) has changed

On the 1st of October 2010, New Zealand's GST rate increased from 12.5% to 15%.

For more information about the new rates of GST for each fee please see the following Forms and Fees pages:

- [Patents](#)
 - [Trade Marks](#)
 - [Designs](#)
 - [Plant Variety Rights](#)
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Patents online correspondence improvements

In response to client requests we have made the following changes to improve the patents online correspondence service:

- Included form numbers as part of the correspondence descriptions. For example 'Amendments to Specification (Voluntary Amendments)' is now noted with its appropriate form number 43;
- Changed the correspondence descriptions. For example 'Response to Examination report' is now called 'Correspondence to Examiner' so that it captures all correspondence to an examiner including a response to an examination report, IPERs, ISRs and general PCT documents;
- Introduced a new correspondence document option. A new option, 'Hearing Submissions' is now available online for filing written submissions for hearings;
- Reordered the online correspondence pick list to make it easier to select the appropriate nature of correspondence; and
- Created a [Fact Sheet](#) to help determine which nature of correspondence to select.

What do the improvements look like?

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The list of available document types may have changed. Please check your selection below.

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IP Number(s) *

The applicant and/or owner is a New Zealand Resident

Document Information To add another document, press the MORE button to a maximum of 70

Nature of Correspondence

Assignments, Change of owner details

Assignments, Change of owner details

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Declaration of Inventorship

Complete Specification (after Provisional/Cognate)

Authorisation of Agent

General requests/declarations (including PF 8, 9, 11, 24, 29, 72)

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Amendments to Specification (Voluntary Amendments PF 43)

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Restoration request

Withdraw patent application/surrender patent

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You can keep track of your correspondence with the Office via [View IP History service](#)

Details of our online services can be found [here](#).

Design Practice Guideline - Classification and Reclassification

IPONZ is updating and improving the design search and classification system and will now classify designs using the latest English language version of [Locarno – version 9](#).

See the [Classification and Reclassification for Designs practice guideline](#) for more information.

Changes to New Zealand's Goods & Services Tax (GST) rate

On the 1st of October 2010, New Zealand's GST rate will rise from 12.5% to 15%.

How does this affect you?

- Filings made **before 1 October 2010**, will be charged **12.5% GST**.
- Filings made **on or after 1 October 2010**, will be charged **15% GST**.

For more information about the new rates of GST for each fee please see the following Forms and Fees pages:

- [Patents](#)
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The Journal

The August edition of the Journal has now been posted on the site.

You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
 - [The August 2010 edition – Journal 1574](#)
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Trans-Tasman Trade Mark Harmonisation Trial

The [trans-Tasman trade mark harmonisation trial](#) will officially close at midnight on 6 August 2010. Please note that only trade mark applications received by IP Australia and IPONZ up until midnight on 6 August 2010 will be examined as part of the trial.

The prime objective of this trial has been to identify areas where mutual recognition of examination work may be possible and the degree of 'top-up' work required in cases that could benefit from mutual recognition. By the time the trial ends, IP Australia and IPONZ will have collectively examined over 600 applications.

Once the offices have analysed the trial data, they will jointly consider the feasibility of future mutual recognition in trade marks examination. In addition, both offices will work together to align and enhance the quality and consistency of trade mark examination to facilitate ease of doing business in each country. Relevant outcomes of the process will be reported to stakeholders in due course.

These important initiatives could not have been advanced without the participation of the applicants who have opted into the trial. To that end, we wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your involvement.

The Journal

The July edition of the Journal has now been posted on the site.

You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
 - [The July 2010 edition – Journal 1573](#)
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Trade Marks Technical Focus Group

The Trade Marks Technical Focus Group is a forum for communication between client representatives and IPONZ in relation to the provision of technical trade mark intellectual property services in New Zealand. The Group meet to:

- feedback on proposed practices, process changes and upcoming publications,
- supplement the communication that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment has with other parties interested in IP, for example policy consultation, client surveys, one-on-one contact with users of IP services.

To view the notes from the latest meeting [click here](#).

The Plant Variety Rights Journal

The latest quarterly edition of the Journal is now available.

To view the journal click here: [PVR Journal No. 121 published 14 July 2010](#).

Design practice note – filing convention documents online

A new practice note has been released to confirm the acceptance of convention documents filed online. The practice note covers the following:

- Online convention applications
- Filing of convention documents
- Certification and verification
- Confirmation of filing

[To view the practice note click here.](#)

New processing timeframes for applications and correspondence

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) has introduced new processing timeframes for some applications and correspondence effective 1 July 2010.

The changes provide:

- alignment and certainty of timeframes for responses to applications and correspondence across all divisions, and
- opportunities to further improve the quality and timeliness of examination, as a result, reducing ongoing compliance costs

While the turnaround times have increased in some areas, IPONZ will seek to maintain the efficient timeframes that clients have learnt to expect and have enjoyed from IPONZ.

To see the new timeframes [click here](#).

The Journal

The June edition of the journal has now been posted on the site.

You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
 - [The June 2010 edition – Journal 1572](#)
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Designs online correspondence improvements

In response to client requests we have made the following changes to improve the designs online correspondence service:

- Simplified the correspondence descriptions to make it easier to select the appropriate nature of correspondence;
- Included form numbers as part of the correspondence descriptions, for example, 'Application for Cancellation' is now noted with its appropriate form number 21 or 32;
- Changed the correspondence description of 'Response to Examination report' to 'Correspondence to Examiner' so that it captures all correspondence to an examiner including a response to an examination report; and
- Introduced a new correspondence document option - the new option, 'Correction of Certificate or Registry Request (DN 23)' is now available online for corrections.

What do the improvements look like?

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 The applicant and/or owner is a New Zealand Resident

Document Information To add another document, press the MORE button to a maximum of 25
 Nature of Correspondence Assignments, Change of Owner details (DN 15, 16, 18, 19, 20) MORE
 Document Assignments, Change of Owner details (DN 15, 16, 18, 19, 20)
 Authorisation of Agent (DN 1)
 Application for Cancellation (DN 21, 32)
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 Cert. of Commissioner Request (3 copies)
 Cert. of Commissioner Request (4 copies)
 Cert. of Commissioner Request (5 copies)
 Correction of Certificate or Registry Request (DN 23)
 Customer Account Authorisation
 Correspondence to Examiner
 Hearing Request
 Hearings Evidence

Read more about [filing designs online](#).

You can keep track of your correspondence with the office via [View IP History service](#)

Details of our online services can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Companies Office register closure

The New Zealand Companies Office register will close at 5:00pm Thursday 24 June 2010 and reopen at 8:00am on Monday 28 June 2010.

This closure is required for the deployment of Enterprise, the new IT system for the New Zealand Companies Office that will enable their new services, branding, and navigation.

This is the minimum time required for implementing the new IT system. The closure should cause minimal disruption to businesses, as it occurs mostly over a weekend.

A reduced range of services will still be available from the Companies Office over this period – look out for more details in the coming days at the [Companies Office What's New](#).

Practice Guideline - Original evidence to be returned to clients

The most effective way to file evidence with IPONZ is through our online correspondence service. Using this service provides you with confirmation that the evidence has been received by IPONZ. In addition, clients and agents will be able to log in and view the documents through our [View IP History service](#).

From 16 June 2010, in cases where clients choose to file original evidence in physical form with IPONZ, IPONZ will return that original evidence to the client once the evidence has been converted into an electronic format and uploaded into our database. IPONZ will also verify that the electronic copy of the original evidence is accurate prior to returning it to the client. As a result of this process evidence may be returned disassembled.

The new practice complies with the requirements of the Public Records Act 2005 and is in accordance with the IPONZ digitisation strategy. Please note that you will need to retain the original evidence should it be required by the Commissioner or the Court.

For further information on filing evidence using the online correspondence facility [click here](#).

Enhancements to online patent applications

In response to client requests IPONZ has implemented the following changes to enhance the patents online filing service:

1. A new option for the statement of applicant rights

IPONZ has added an additional statement of applicant rights option to the online application form. This new option, 'Applicant's entitlement to apply is not known at time of application', can be selected when the applicant's entitlement is not known at the time of filing. The Office will make an internal note that the applicant's entitlement under section 7 of the Patents Act 1953 was not specified. Note - the applicant must supply this information before acceptance.

What does the new option look like?

Additional Applicant Information

- Statement of applicant rights:** One or more of the applicant(s) are also the true and first inventors.
Please select every true statement One or more of the applicant(s) are the assignees of the/an inventor(s).
 One or more of the applicant(s) are the personal representatives of the/an inventor(s).
 Applicant's entitlement to apply is not known at time of application.

Additional Patent Details & Requests

Request for Sealing: I/We request that a patent may be sealed on this application and that the stated address for service be entered on the register.

Deferment of Acceptance: I request acceptance of this application be postponed for a period of:

If the statement above is true then select the postponement period, otherwise leave blank.

Additional Application Information: (Maximum 1000 characters)
 Enter additional details here about your patent if necessary

Declarations

- The applicant declares that applications for an invention(s) has (or have) been made as specified and that the said application or each of the said applications was the first application in a convention country in respect of the relevant invention by the applicant or by any person from whom the applicant derives title.
- I/We declare that to the best of my (or our) knowledge and belief that there is no lawful ground of objection to the grant of a patent to me (or us) on this application, and pursuant to subsection (2) (and subsection (3)) of section 7 of the Patents Act 1953 I (or we) pray that a patent may be granted to me (or us) with priority founded on the above-mentioned application(s) in a convention country or countries as provided by subsection (4) of section 11 of that Act for the invention described in the accompanying complete specification under the title provided.

2. More details on the patent application online detail report

IPONZ has enhanced the patent application online detail report to display the Statement of applicant rights, the Request for Sealing and Declaration details.

What does the new report detail look like?

Additional Applicant Information

Statement of applicant rights: One or more of the applicant(s) are also the true and first inventors.
One or more of the applicant(s) are the assignees of the/an inventor(s).

Additional Patent Details & Requests

Request for Sealing: I/We request that a patent may be sealed on this application and that the stated address for service be entered on the register.

Deferment of Acceptance: I request acceptance of this application to be postponed for a period of 18 months.

Additional Application Information:

Declarations

The applicant declares that applications for an invention(s) has (or have) been made as specified and that the said application or each of the said applications was the first application in a convention country in respect of the relevant invention by the applicant or by any person from whom the applicant derives title.

I/We declare that to the best of my (or our) knowledge and belief that there is no lawful ground of objection to the grant of a patent to me (or us) on this application, and pursuant to subsection (2) (and subsection (3)) of section 7 of the Patents Act 1953 I (or we) pray that a patent may be granted to me (or us) with priority founded on the above-mentioned application(s) in a convention country or countries as provided by subsection (4) of section 11 of that Act for the invention described in the accompanying complete specification under the title provided.

3. Application status on the patent application online detail report

IPONZ has made it easier for you to confirm your application has been submitted. You can now see the application status as well as the date of submission at the top of the online detail report.

What does the new information look like?

Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand		Page 1
Patent Application Detail Report		Date: 08/06/2010
		Time: 09:22:00
		(iprpapp1 3.00.15)
<hr/>		
Client Reference: PNCL 8 JUNE 2010		
Type: NEW APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL PHASE	Status:	Not yet submitted

Read more about [filing patents online](#).

You can keep track of your correspondence with the office via [View IP History service](#)

Details of our online services can be found [here](#).

Closed for Queen's Birthday Monday 7 June 2010

We will be closed on Monday 7 June 2010.

Our website will be available 24/7 throughout this period. Applications made online on 7 June 2010 will receive a filing date of 8 June 2010.

Please note - If information about a design or an invention for which an application is to be made, is published prior to the official filing date it may invalidate the registration or patent. If a design or patent application is submitted online on an official closed day, such as on a weekend or Queen's Birthday it would be prudent to wait until the next open day before publishing details of the design or invention.

New status descriptions for Hearings Office Proceedings

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) has introduced two new status descriptions for patents, trade marks and designs.

The new status descriptions make it easy to identify patents, trade marks or designs that are subject to an opposition, revocation or invalidity proceeding, by searching the online register or using the View IP History service. See www.iponz.govt.nz/online-services

The table below lists the updated status descriptions by division:

Division	Status number	Status description	Explanation of how an application gets to the nominated status
Patent	75	Accepted/Under Proceeding	The patent application has been accepted and there is a possible opposition or an opposition lodged against this application.
	101	Granted and Sealed/Under Proceeding	The patent is granted and sealed and an application for revocation has been lodged.
Trade Mark	75	Accepted/Under Proceeding	The trade mark application has been accepted and there is a possible opposition or an opposition lodged.
	101	Registered/Under Proceeding	The trade mark is registered and an application for revocation and/or application for declaration of invalidity of registration is lodged.
Design	101	Registered/Under Proceeding	The design is registered and an application for cancellation of registered design is lodged.

All records with a current proceeding will be progressively updated to status 75 or 101 and will show the date the notice was lodged with the office.

Updated proceeding descriptions

In addition to the new status descriptions, the descriptions of the proceeding types have been updated. The following describes the new proceeding descriptions:

- When an Extension of Time to file a Notice of Opposition is granted by the Office the application will display 'Possible Opposition' and the status of the application will be updated to 75.
- All new patent and trade mark Revocation proceedings will now display as 'Revocation' instead of 'Challenge'.
- All new trade mark Declaration of Invalidity will now display as 'Invalidity' instead of 'Challenge'.

Current Revocation and Invalidity proceedings will remain as 'Challenge' until resolved.

[For more information on the application status click here.](#)

The Journal

The May edition of the journal has now been posted on the site. You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
- [The May 2010 edition – Journal 1571](#)

New to IPONZ website - PVR Technical Notes and Guidelines section

Its now easier for you to locate plant variety rights information and testing practices such as growing trial requirements, supply of plant materials and other testing and examination activities. Under the PVR section of our website a new section called [Technical notes and guidelines](#) has been introduced to keep you informed about plant variety rights technical issues.

More technical notes will be published overtime. Listed below are those that have been published to date:

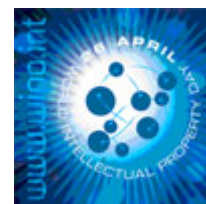
- [DUS testing of apple varieties](#)
- [Growing trial on applicant's property](#)

To keep up to date with news, [subscribe to the RSS Feed for our What's New articles](#).

World IP Day - Celebrating Kiwi Innovation, Creativity & Enterprise

Celebrating Kiwi Innovation, Creativity & Enterprise

This year marked the 10th anniversary of World IP Day and 40th anniversary of the Convention establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Currently, (as of 1 March 2010) there are 184 WIPO members including New Zealand.



New Zealand Centenary Trade Marks Certificates



On World IP Day, 26 April 2010, 19 Certificates were issued to the 13 eligible trade mark owners who have maintained a registered trade mark on the New Zealand Trade Mark Register for 100 years. These Certificates acknowledge the effort IP owners put into sustaining their brands and business reputation through trade marks.

Kiwi Innovation – Linking the World



A special World IP Day event for Wellington Secondary School student and teacher music, media studies, science, technology and design representatives was held inside the Park Road Post Production Cinema. These young entrepreneurs discovered how kiwi innovation is linking the world by engaging in a panel discussion with inspiring mentors from the film and music industries and science research.

Holding the event within the heart of Wellington's Miramar film epicentre added to the occasion. Park Road Post Production is part of a creative community that includes the Academy Award® winning Weta Digital and Weta Workshop and the soundstages of Stone Street Studios.

The mentor panel comprised:

Louise Baker, Head of Corporate Services at Park Road Post Production, a NZ Film & Television board member and supporter of the Film Archive. Louise has also been the Acting CEO of Film New Zealand and knows a lot about kiwi film locations and international shoots.

Dr Mark Sagar, biomechanical engineer and Academy Award® winning expert on facial animation. Mark started out as a medical researcher building computer simulations of the human eye and now is a Special Projects Supervisor with Weta Digital.

John Watt, the Prime Minister’s inaugural Emerging Scientist Award winner and graduate student at Victoria University. John’s PhD research project focuses on the creation of palladium nanoparticles that can remove toxic gases from exhausts.

Rebecca Caughey, who founded a music management company at the age of 19. Funktion Music Ltd now manages some of New Zealand’s top artists including Shapeshifter and Ladi6 internationally. Rebecca has also won the Sir Peter Blake Trust Emerging Leader Award.

The mentors captivated the audience and drew them into the discussion with questions about career options through to IP protection. Everyone left feeling inspired at how kiwi innovation continues to push creative and technological boundaries in film, music and science.

Recent changes to our online services

In response to client feedback we have implemented the following changes to enhance our searching, application and correspondence services.

1. Extra navigation to related patents, trade marks or designs

You can now navigate to related patents, trade marks or designs by selecting the new links that have been added to the Related IP section of the search results page. When you select the link a new window will open with the patent, trade mark or design details.

See the example of the Patent search results page below:

Related Patents	From	To
(60) Cognate data:	233973	231322
(61) Patent of addition to main invention:	270980	231322
(61) Patent of addition to main invention:	328660	231322

2. Trade Mark application and Search & Preliminary Advice services –

We have updated our Trade mark Application and Search & Preliminary Advice Application services to include a check to make sure you have uploaded the right type of file for your application. We have also updated the range of acceptable file formats. The following table provides an overview of the new file checks and acceptable file format types for applications.

Mark Type	File Required	Valid File Format Types
Text Only	No	Nil
Image	Yes	GIF, JPEG, TIFF
Colour	Optional	GIF, JPEG, TIFF
Sound	Optional	GIF, JPEG, TIFF, WAV, CDA, WMA, MP3

Smell	Optional	GIF, JPEG, TIFF, doc, docx
Shape	Yes	GIF, JPEG, TIFF
Animation	Yes	GIF, JPEG, TIFF

We have also expanded the range of acceptable file formats for our online correspondence service so that Word 2007, audio and movie files are now accepted.

Find out more about our online services [here](#).

Filing receipts and confirmation copies of documents

From 17 May 2010 IPONZ will change its practices for filing receipts and confirmation copies of documents.

Filing receipts

Filing receipts issued as a means of confirming receipt for documents sent to IPONZ will only be issued for documents filed through our online correspondence service.

Confirmation copies

Paper confirmation copies of documents sent to follow up a document filed online, by email or fax will be returned to the sender. This is aimed to reduce the volume of duplicate documents on record.

For certainty and confirmation that your documents have been filed please see our Online Correspondence Filing and our View IP History services at www.iponz.govt.nz/online-services.

The Journal

The April edition of the Journal has now been posted on the site.

You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
- [The April 2010 edition – Journal 1570](#)

The Plant Variety Rights Journal

The latest quarterly edition of the journal has now been posted on the site.

To view the journal click here: [PVR Journal No. 121 published 14 April 2010](#).

Standardised Format for Trade Mark Specifications of Goods and Services

To help applicants comply with the standardised format, the IPONZ website will incorporate an automatic reformatting function in the online trade mark application form. The specification of goods or services will be reformatted so that:

- Specifications should take the form of a single sentence commencing with a capital letter and ending in a full stop;
- The body of the specification should be in lower case, except for acronyms and proper nouns;
- Goods and services in the specification should be separated by semicolons or commas instead of listed on separate lines;

- Double spaces are removed;
- The word “and” should be used in place of ampersands “&;
- The phrase “and/or” should be used in place of forward slash “/” and backslash “\” characters to denote optional items.

Applicants will retain the ability to file specifications in the format they choose, however, the examination team may reformat specifications so that they comply with the formatting standards of IPONZ. The reformatting of specifications will not change the scope or nature of the specification.

How the Online Form is Used with the Reformatting Function

You enter a specification of goods or services for each class of the trade mark, as shown below.

Class Information
[Click here for more information](#) SEARCH FOR CLASS

Class CHOOSE A CLASS Delete

Specification of goods or services: (maximum 4,000 characters. This text will appear on any certificate, so please enter plain text only.)

Hand tools. Sockets/bits for hand tools.
 Nippers & pincers.
 Pliers. Saws. Hammers.

If the specification has been entered in a form that requires reformatting then the following message is presented when you try to submit the application.

Please confirm whether you accept the reformatted specification of goods and services as shown at the bottom of this form.

You should scroll down to the Class Information portion of the online form and review the suggested reformatting for each class. For each reformatted specification you must state whether you accept the reformatted version by using the ‘Accept text changes?’ drop-down box.

Class Information
[Click here for more information](#) SEARCH FOR CLASS

Class CHOOSE A CLASS Delete ✘

Specification of goods or services: (maximum 4,000 characters. This text will appear on any certificate, so please enter plain text only.)

Your Text	Suggested Text Format	Accept text changes?
Hand tools. Sockets/bits for hand tools. Nippers & pincers.	Hand tools; sockets and/or bits for hand tools; nippers and pincers; pliers; saws; hammers.	<input type="button" value="Yes"/> <input type="button" value="No"/>

If you choose Yes then the reformatted specification will be submitted. If you choose No then your original specification will be submitted.

The IPONZ practice guideline on Classification and Specification has been updated to reflect these changes. Click [here](#) to see the updated guideline.

Outage notice: End of Daylight Saving

Brief Outage Scheduled for end of Daylight Saving – Sunday 4 April 2010

Due to time changes associated with the end of Daylight Saving, all IPONZ online services including G2B services, will be unavailable from 1:55 a.m. NZDT Sunday 4 April for one hour and ten minutes.

Our online services will resume at 2:05 a.m. NZDT Sunday 4 April. We apologise for any inconvenience.

The Journal

The March edition of the Journal has now been posted on the site.

You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
- [The March 2010 edition – Journal 1569](#)

Searching for Plant Variety Rights made easy

Search for owner and address for service online

Have you ever wanted to be able to search for PVR records by owner or contact (address for service) details?

Now you can, IPONZ has enhanced its search functions to include the ability to search by owner and contact (address for service) online via the PVR register. This will enable you to easily search for the PVR records by owner or contact at your finger tips.

What does the new search look like?

Screenshot of homepage

Ministry of Economic Development | IPONZ - Plant Variety Rights Register

For information on a **variety** enter its denomination or commercial name.
For information on a **genus** enter the genus or its common name

Owner:

Contact (Address for Service):

Denomination:

Commercial Name:

Genus:

Common Name:

[Search](#) [New Search](#)

Owner: is Owner in relation to any variety, means a person who bred or discovered that variety, and includes a successor of that person.

Contact (Address for Service): is the nominated address for service within New Zealand in relation to the application.

Denomination: is the official designation or name of a variety under the PVR scheme. With some ornamentals and fruit it is common practice for the denomination to be a breeder's code name.

Commercial Name: (if any) is the fancy name that with some varieties is added to such a denomination when the variety is marketed. For example the rose variety with denomination "Maerevy" has the commercial name "Sexy Ruby".

The PVR search data are updated nightly.

[Close Window](#)

Screenshot of search results

Ministry of Economic Development
IPONZ - Plant Variety Rights Register

Search Results

There are 7 matching varieties
For more details of a particular variety click on the App. No. in the list below.

Showing Page 1 of 1

App. No.	Genus	Demonstration	Commercial Name	Common Name	Owner	Contact (Address for Service)
EGG013	Rosa	Captain Cook	None Specified	Rose	S. McGredy	Palmyers Garden Centres
EGG018	Rosa	Kapa	None Specified	Rose	S. McGredy	Palmyers Garden Centres
EGG062	Rosa	Maccarpe	None Specified	Rose	S. McGredy	Palmyers Garden Centres
EGG020	Rosa	Maceve	Eyeplant	Rose	S. McGredy	Palmyers Garden Centres
EGG094	Rosa	Macmasech	Taupo	Rose	S. McGredy	Palmyers Garden Centres
EGG016	Rosa	Mary Sumner	None Specified	Rose	S. McGredy	Palmyers Garden Centres
EGG012	Rosa	Young Quinn	None Specified	Rose	S. McGredy	Palmyers Garden Centres

[New Search](#)
[Close Window](#)

Read more on [searching for plant variety right](#).

James Dyson Award - International product design competition



In partnership with the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand, the James Dyson Foundation is once again looking to put New Zealand's best emerging product designers in the limelight.

The James Dyson Award is open to university design, technology and engineering students and recent graduates in their first four years in the workforce. The brief is to design a product that solves a problem. A working prototype and video report is not compulsory but will add value to your application. Entries must be filed online before Thursday 1 July 2010 at www.jamesdysonaward.org.

New Zealand's 2010 James Dyson Award national winner:

- receives a trip to the UK, including flights, accommodation and NZ\$3,000 travel expenses
- gets to visit Dyson's Malmesbury-based headquarters in the UK and tour the Dyson Research and Development Centre
- receives an official fee IPONZ prize package tailored to the winner's immediate intellectual property needs
- gains NZ\$3,000 worth of legal or business advice from [Farry.Co Law](#)
- joins the D&AD Getty online talent pool and gains exposure in the media and design community
- secures a year's membership to the [Designers' Institute of New Zealand](#)

IPONZ also holds an IP workshop with the New Zealand finalists in Auckland on the day of the National Award ceremony.

All entries will be in the running for the International James Dyson Award. The International winner receives GBP£10,000 in prize money, a trophy, and an opportunity to visit Dyson's engineering facilities in either the UK or Malaysia. The James Dyson Foundation also gives GBP£10,000 to the International winner's current or former University department.

Changes to online filing

In response to client requests IPONZ has implemented the following changes to enhance clients online filing experiences:

1. Filing Patent complete specification after provisional

You can now file a complete after provisional specification on an existing application via the 'Apply for a Patent' screen. Enter the application number in the field provided, then you will be taken to the online correspondence facility where you can upload the specification.

If this is a cognate of multiple applications, enter the lowest of the application numbers in the IP number field provided. You should only submit the complete specification on the existing application with the lowest IP number. The front page of your complete specification must include an indication of the earlier application numbers and dates of filing from which priority is being claimed.

What does the new function look like?

Patent applications page:

The screenshot shows the IPONZ website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation tabs for Home, What is IP?, Patents, Trade Marks, Designs, PVR, Copyright, IPONZ, Contact, Logoff, and Help. The main content area is titled "PATENT APPLICATIONS" and includes a sub-header "NEW | DELIVER SELECTED | PRINT | EXIT". Below this, there is a section for "Complete-after-provisional or cognate*" with a text input field and an "OK" button. The text reads: "If you have previously filed an application with a provisional specification and are now filing a complete specification, enter the IP number of the application." A note below states: "* Please refer to the help file for cognate instructions". At the bottom of the main content area, there is a table with columns: Delete, Print, Your Reference, Status, Date Submitted, IP Report, and IP Number. On the left side, there is a sidebar menu for "Online Services" with options: User Administration, Cash Receipting, Search the Register, Applications (with sub-options: Apply for a Patent, Apply for a Search and Preliminary Advice, Apply for a Trade Mark, Apply for a Design), Renewals, Correspondence, Online Journal, and Information Library.

Online correspondence page with appropriate type selected:

2. Submitting multiple documents via online correspondence facility

You can now upload two or more documents with the same Nature of Correspondence in one upload. You no longer have to do multiple uploads.

3. Submitting non-fee bearing and fee bearing correspondence via online correspondence facility

You can now upload a combination of non-fee bearing and fee bearing correspondence in one upload. No more confusion and frustration over what has been submitted and what has not.

Read more about [filing patents online](#).

You can keep track of your correspondence with the office via [View IP History service](#)

Details of our online services can be found [here](#).

Supplementary practice note - patent and design applications

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand's online patent and design filing facilities were released in November 2008. The new services required modification of the patent and design forms for the online environment and the practice notes which accompanied the new services outlined the use of the online forms. IPONZ has released a supplementary practice note to further clarify the legality and use of the online filing facilities and forms.

To view the supplementary practice note [click here](#).

Reminder - Filing offices in Auckland, Hamilton and Christchurch now closed

In accordance with regulation 8(b) of the Trade Marks Regulations, section 5 of the Patents Act, section 7 of the Designs Act and section 28 of the Plant Variety Rights Act the Commissioner for Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Plant Variety Rights hereby advises that from the 1st of March 2010, clients may no longer lodge their documents at the filing offices of the Ministry of Economic Development situated at:

- Level 18, ASB Centre, 135 Albert Street, Auckland
- Level 2, Bayleys Building, 678 Victoria Street, Hamilton
- 55 Wordsworth Street, Sydenham, Christchurch

Clients are advised that they may instead use the online facilities available at www.iponz.govt.nz/online-services or alternatively file documents directly with the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand at 205 Victoria Street, Wellington or PO Box 9241, Marion Square, Wellington 6141 or DX SX 11129, Wellington.

The Journal

The February edition of the Journal has now been posted on the site.

You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
 - [The February 2010 edition – Journal 1568](#)
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Patent practice notes

Two new patent practice notes have been published. To view the practice notes select the links below:

- [Filing of PCT International Applications by Email](#)
 - [Amendments to Electronic Copies of Patent Specifications](#)
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Searching for trade marks and designs made easy

Have you ever wanted to be able to view the images of marks and representations of designs on the search results page?



Now you can, IPONZ has enhanced the trade marks and designs search results pages to include thumbnails of marks and the representations of designs. This will enable you to easily view the search results and identify marks with images, and view design representations without the need to view the full IP record for each result.

What do the new search results look like?

See the example search results below:





Trade marks

The screenshot shows the IPONZ website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'SEARCH' and a search button. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs for Home, What is IP?, Patents, Trade Marks, Designs, PVR, Copyright, IPONZ, and Contact. A sidebar on the left lists 'Online Services' including Search the Register, Patent Search, Trade Mark Search, Design Search, PVR Search, Applications, Renewals, Correspondence, and Online Journal. The main content area displays search results for 'WETA'. The search criteria are shown as: ((STATUS>=20<and>STATUS<=105)<or>STATUS=150)<and>((,WETA)<in>(IPTITLE,OFFTITLE)). The search results show 15 hits from 477,031 records on 08 Feb 10 09 04. The table below lists the results, including Trade Mark Number, Title, Current Proprietor, System Class, Status, and Mark. The 'Mark' column contains images of the trade marks, such as 'WETA WEAR', 'WETA', 'WOOD WETA', 'Weta Beverages Limited', 'weta design', 'WETA WORKSHOP LIMITED', 'weta CUSTOM DRUM', and 'WETA'.

Trade Mark Number	Title	Current Proprietor (first only)	System Class	Status	Mark
<input type="checkbox"/> 264239	WETA WEAR	DEBORAH ELIZABETH FRASER	4 25	Registered	WETA WEAR
<input type="checkbox"/> 309099	WETA	EYEWEAR DESIGN LIMITED	4 9	Registered	WETA
<input type="checkbox"/> 309100	WETA	EYEWEAR DESIGN LIMITED	4 35	Registered	WETA
<input type="checkbox"/> 710115	WOOD WETA	Progressive Hydraulics Limited	8 7	Registered	WOOD WETA
<input type="checkbox"/> 712496	Weta	Weta Beverages Limited	8 32 8 33	Registered	
<input type="checkbox"/> 716253	weta design	Weta Design (2006) Limited	8 35	Registered	weta design
<input type="checkbox"/> 735806	WETA	WETA WORKSHOP LIMITED	8 20 8 21 8 41 8 42	Registered	WETA
<input type="checkbox"/> 738020	weta CUSTOM DRUM	Mark Queenin	8 15	Registered	
<input type="checkbox"/> 769333	WETA	WETA WORKSHOP LIMITED	9 14	Registered	WETA

Designs

The screenshot shows the IPONZ website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'FORMWAY' and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs for 'Home', 'What is IP?', 'Patents', 'Trade Marks', 'Designs', 'PVR', 'Copyright', 'IPONZ', and 'Contact'. The 'Designs' tab is currently selected. On the left side, there is a sidebar with 'Online Services' including 'Search the Register', 'Patent Search', 'Trade Mark Search', 'Trade Mark Classification Search', 'Design Search', 'PVR Search', 'Applications', 'Renewals', 'Correspondence', and 'Online Journal'. The main content area displays search results for 'FORMWAY'. The search results show 'Search Results: ID 11654109 - 35 hits from 34,253 records on 08 Feb 10 11:14' and 'Search Criteria: FORMWAY'. Below this, there is a table with columns: 'Design Number', 'Title', 'Current Proprietor (first only)', 'System Class', 'Status', and 'Representation'. The table lists four design entries, each with a checkbox, a design number, a title, the proprietor 'FORMWAY FURNITURE LIMITED', the system class 'D06.01A', and the status 'Registration Expired'. Each entry includes a small image representing the design.

Design Number	Title	Current Proprietor (first only)	System Class	Status	Representation
<input type="checkbox"/> 23358	A SET OF CHAIRS	FORMWAY FURNITURE LIMITED	D06.01A	Registration Expired	
<input type="checkbox"/> 23407	A SET OF CHAIRS	FORMWAY FURNITURE LIMITED	D06.01A	Registration Expired	
<input type="checkbox"/> 23661	A CHAIR	FORMWAY FURNITURE LIMITED	D06.01A	Registration Expired	
<input type="checkbox"/> 23662	A CHAIR	FORMWAY FURNITURE LIMITED	D06.01A	Registration Expired	

Read more on [searching for trade marks](#) and [searching for designs](#).

Trans-Tasman harmonisation trial

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) and IP Australia (IPA) (“the Offices”) have been collaborating to increase harmonisation of examination practices for trade marks, where possible, practical and appropriate. A trial to recognise the previous examination decisions made by each office is now underway. The trial aims to further align and enhance the quality and consistency of trade mark examination and assess the feasibility of a future model of mutual recognition between the Offices.

Who can participate in the trial?

Any applicant who has filed a trade mark in one country who then files an application for the same mark in the other country can opt into the trial. Participation in the trial is voluntary, and is not a guarantee that the examination outcomes in both jurisdictions will be the same.

How to participate in the trial

The Offices have amended their respective application forms to include a tick box so that applicants can agree to participate in the trial and consent to disclosure of personal and examination information between the Offices. In Australia, only applications filed electronically will be part of the project.

Why become involved in the trial?

We envisage that the trial will:

- give more consistency and certainty for trade mark owners when filing in Australia and New Zealand;
- consolidate and preserve the gains in consistency made in previous stages of cooperation between the Offices; and,
- promote greater levels of collaboration for future initiatives between the Offices.

For more information on the trial, [click here](#).

The Journal

The January edition of the Journal has now been posted on the site. You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
 - [The January 2010 edition - Journal 1567](#)
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Closed for Wellington Anniversary Day – Monday 25 January 2010

Our Office will be closed for Wellington Anniversary Day on Monday 25 January 2010.

Our website will be available 24/7 throughout this period. All applications and documents filed at our regional filing offices, by fax, email or online on Monday 25 January 2010 will receive a filing date of 26 January 2010.

Please note - If information about a design or an invention for which an application is to be made, is published prior to the official filing date it may invalidate the registration or patent. If a design or patent application is submitted online on an official closed day, such as on a weekend or Wellington Anniversary Day it would be prudent to wait until the next open day before publishing details of the design or invention.

IPONZ Business Evaluation

Over the next three years proposed legislative changes arising from the Patents Bill and the Trade Mark (International Treaty and Enforcement) Amendment Bill will significantly change the way in which IPONZ undertakes its regulatory role.

These pieces of legislation seek to bring New Zealand's intellectual property legislation into line with global norms but will result in a significant increase in the effort required to process a Patent application and will add complexity in managing a Trade Mark application in the world wide forum under the Madrid Protocol.

IPONZ understands that a high quality and timely examination for intellectual property rights are vital to contribute to the full economic potential for New Zealand, and therefore it is important that IPONZ looks closer at its operations with a view to planning for these changes. For this reason PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PWC) was engaged to conduct an independent business evaluation to look primarily at the challenges that IPONZ will face over the next couple of years and to help determine the operational, funding and revenue impacts that the changes might present.

The evaluation process and findings are detailed in PWC's report which is [available here](#).

It is important to remember that the recommendations in the report are being considered and worked through.

The Plant Variety Rights Journal

The latest quarterly edition of the Journal is now available.

To view the journal click here: [PVR Journal No. 120 published 14 January 2010](#).

Regular maintenance window to Change

From Sunday, 17th January 2010 IPONZ will be carrying out the routine maintenance of its site on a Sunday night. This will replace our traditional Monday night maintenance window.

For the first maintenance window of 2010 a major upgrade is scheduled. An earlier outage time will occur on Sunday, 17th January 2010 from 4.00pm and normal services should be restored by Monday, 18 January 2010 at 1.00am.

Future maintenance windows will occur during our normal maintenance window of a Sunday from 9.00pm until 11.00pm unless otherwise stated on the day of the maintenance window.