## TSC Category
**Intellectual Property Management**

## TSC Title
Patent Office Action and Infringements

## TSC Description
Handle patent written opinions and/or office actions, and infringements and invalidity

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<td>Evaluate the patentability of patent applications, draft responses to written opinions and/or office actions, and amend claims and specifications</td>
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## Knowledge
- Types of intellectual property (IP), patents and patentability criteria
- Organisation’s policies and procedures in relation to patents
- Importance and scope of protection of patents
- Components of written opinions and/or office actions
- Considerations when responding to written opinions and/or office actions
- Consequences associated with improper management of written opinions and/or office actions

- IP-related legislation and guidelines
- Impact of prior art on scope of protection
- Types of patents, objectives of patent management and patent life cycle
- Structures of written opinions and/or office actions
- Critical success factors in infringements and invalidity
| Abilities | • Assess the merits of the examiners’ objections and/or rejections in respect of patent applications  
• Consider the relevancy of prior art cited  
• Examine reasons for objection and/or rejection  
• Identify errors in examiners’ objections and/or rejection  
• Construct arguments and provide supporting evidence to address reasons identified for objection and/or rejection  
• Revise patents claim scope to distinguish from prior art, and address examiners’ objections and/or rejections  
• Explain examiners’ objections and/or rejections and its implications on the patent claim  
• Justify patent claim amendments to stakeholders | • Evaluate patents to identify scope of protection  
• Assess areas of potential patent infringement on other organisation’s patents  
• Identify potential situations where there would be infringements to organisation’s patents  
• Evaluate new developments in the market that may potentially infringe on the organisation’s patents  
• Assess prior art to determine grounds for patent invalidity  
• Determine the extent of patent infringement to formulate opinions  
• Propose strategies to address patent infringements and invalidity to stakeholders |