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IP BACKGROUND

TYPES OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
TYPICALLY RELEVANT WHEN
INNOVATING AND COLLABORATING







PATENTS

- New and innovative inventions
- Underlying concepts/principles
- Specific embodiment not necessarily relevant or important
 - Systems
 - Apparatuses/Devices
 - Methods/Processes
 - Chemical Compositions
- TRADEMARKS
- TRADE SECRETS

DESIGNS

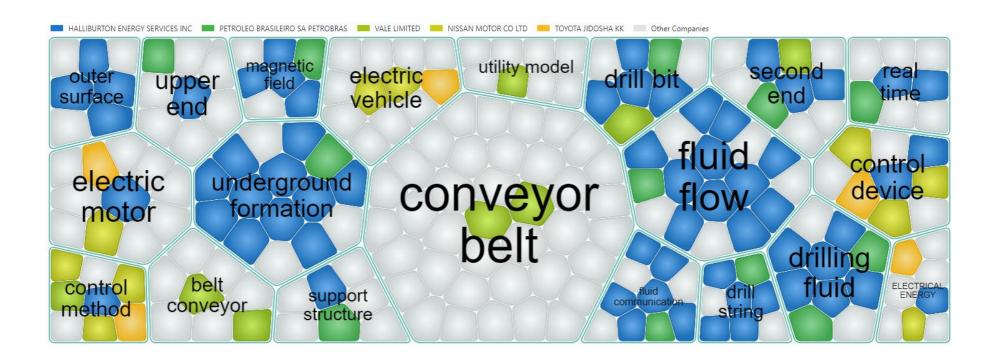
- Aesthetic or Functional
- Physical appearance rather than underlying principle/concepts

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- Literary Works
 - Reports
 - Tables
 - Instructions
- Drawings and Renderings
- Computer Programs / Code

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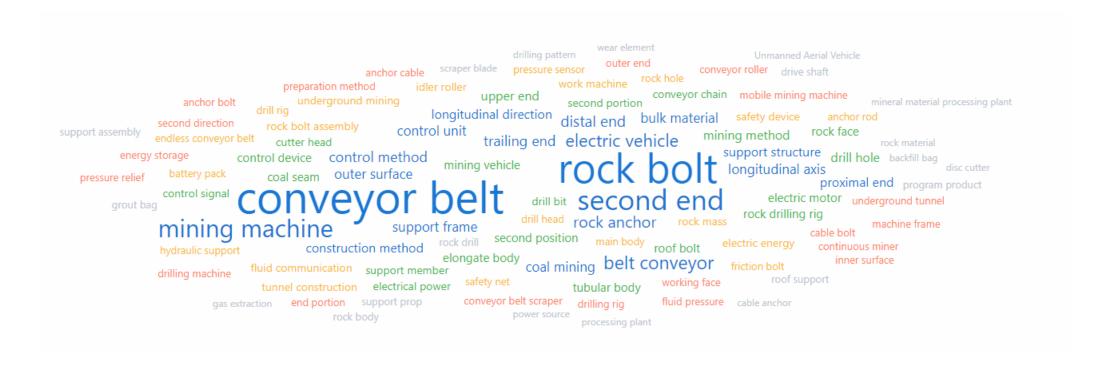
- Registrable vs Non-Registrable forms
- Territoriality
- Co-ownership
- Assignment
- Licensing
 - Exclusive
 - Non-exclusive
 - Sole
- Background/Foreground IP





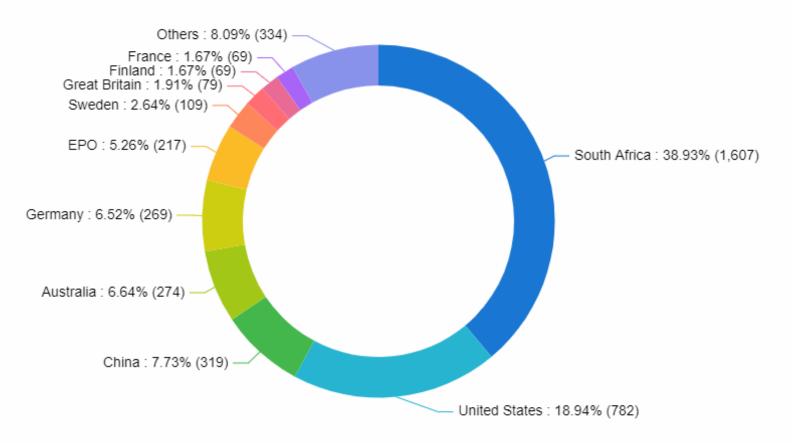
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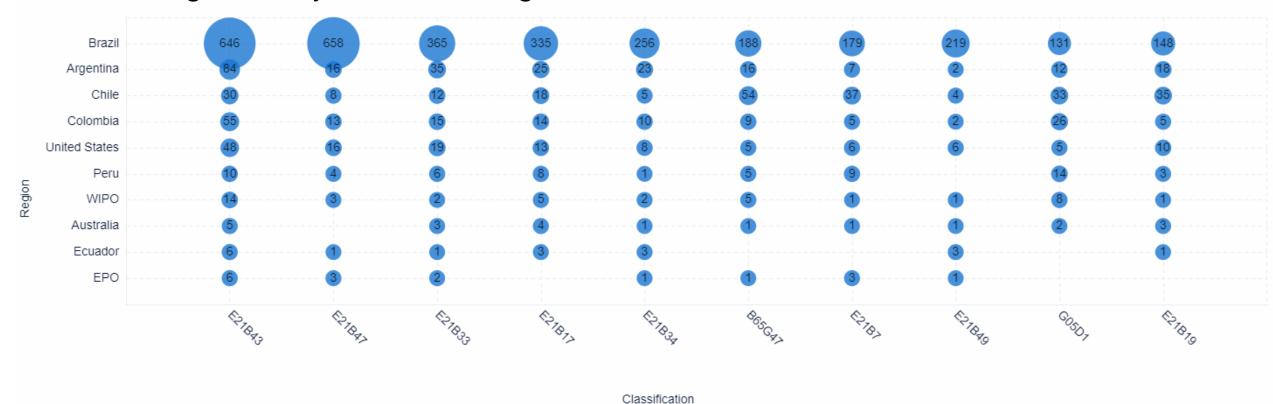


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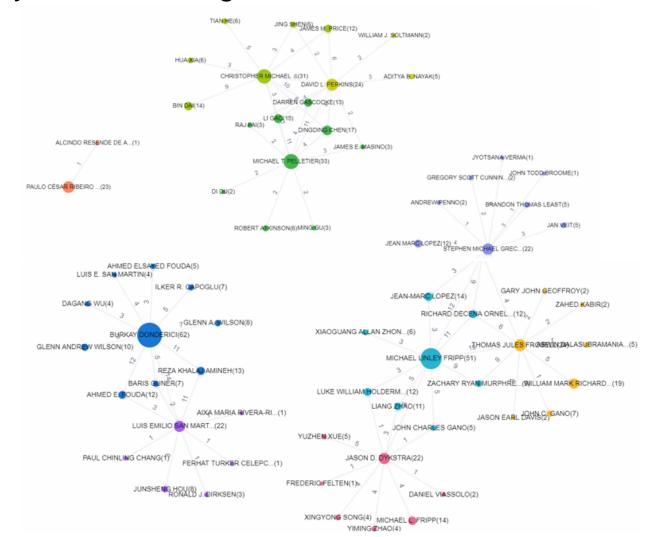


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- Rest of the conference will delve deeper into this aspect
- Provide tools for unlocking various business strategies
- Generally:
- 1. Complexity of Operations
- Resource Constraints
- 3. Technological Advancements
- 4. Sustainability Imperatives
- 5. Safety and Health Concerns
- 6. Regulatory Compliance
- 7. Global Supply Chain Dynamics
- 8. Market Competitiveness
- 9. Market Expansion

Streamline Innovation Efforts

 Stay or Become Relevant/Competitive in a Rapidly Changing/Evolving Global Environment



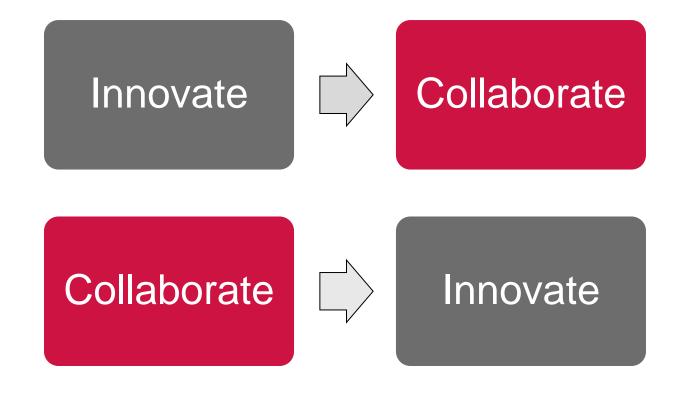
OVERARCHING STRATEGIES

WAYS TO THINK ABOUT THE ROLE COLLABORATION PLAYS





What is the driving force behind collaborative innovation?





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INNOVATE TO COLLABORATE

- Leverage IP to facilitate collaboration
- Innovation geared towards attracting interest from potential collaborators
- When:
 - You have a specific skill/capability
 - You have identified a potential collaborator
 - You have identified a potential market/opportunity



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INNOVATE TO COLLABORATE

- Why
 - Reach
 - Access to markets / distribution networks
 - Licensing

- Considerations
 - IP and Commercial Landscape
 - IP Filing Strategies
 - Timing
 - Proof of Concept
 - Minimum Viable Product
 - Commercial Interest

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INNOVATE TO COLLABORATE

- Downstream Action Points
 - IP Valuation
 - Due Diligence
 - Licensing
 - Assignment
 - Joint Venture
 - Other Collaborative Vehicles

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COLLABORATE TO INNOVATE

- Need for Innovation Identified
- Lack of Resources/Know-How/Funding
- Joining Forces to Streamline Development

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COLLABORATE TO INNOVATE

- Before Commencement
 - Establish alignment in terms of desired outcomes
 - Agreement on who
 - Does/Contributes/Creates what
 - Owns what
 - Uses what
 - Discloses what
 - Define background IP
 - Reduce to writing

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COLLABORATE TO INNOVATE

- Before Commencement
 - Roll Out Plan
 - Where are the markets (current and future)
 - Possible future collaborators (and where are they situated)
 - Create an IP program
- During
 - Overarching project management
 - Knowledge sharing and transfer

PRACTICAL EXAMPLES

THE GOOD, BAD AND UGLY





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THE GOOD, BAD AND UGLY

Good, but Ugly

- Parties
 - Party 1 UK, AU
 - Party 2 ZA
 - Party 3 US
 - Party 4 ZA
 - Party 4.1 DE
- Collaboration initiated by Party 1 for Party 1's benefit
- IP to be assigned to Party 1



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Good, but Ugly

- Agreements in writing before commencement (provides for assignment of created IP – good)
- Practicalities (ugly)
 - Party 2 Party 1 South African Reserve Bank Approval
 - Party 3 Party 1 Foreign Filing License
 - Party 4.1 Party 4 German Tax Clearance
 - Party 4 Party 1 South African Reserve Bank Approval
- The above was required before filing the priority application i.e. before publication



PRACTICAL EXAMPLES:

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Bad and Ugly

- Parties
 - Party 1
 - Party 2
- No written agreements before commencement
- Parties located in different countries
- Dispute arose during development, collaboration terminated
 - Difficulty:
 - Differing versions of facts
 - Proving ownership / inventorship
 - Jurisdiction
 - Interpretation



CONCLUDING REMARKS

FOOD FOR THOUGHT





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- Understand why you want to collaborate and what you want to achieve
- Align your strategies, including IP management strategy
- Understand different roles in the collaboration
- Formalize collaboration in writing
- Deal with ownership of IP explicitly

THANK YOU

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