

IDC E-NEWS

Hello and welcome to the Industry Development Centre (Hunter) Ltd's (IDC) final edition of E-News for 2009. The IDC Team wishes you a very merry Christmas and safe and happy New Year.

IP Licensing Opportunity – Cable Advancing Device

The *Cable Advancing Device* is an electrical installation tool used for drawing cable through conduit pipe. The device has been designed primarily for electrical contractors but can be used by other cabling professionals for telecommunications, security and fire protection. The device can also be used in both domestic and industrial cabling installations. Opportunity to license the intellectual property (IP) rights of this innovation is currently available. [\[more\]](#)

IDC Clients Make ABC New Inventors Grand Finals

Congratulations to IDC clients, Dr Paul Brockwell, Dr Robert Holland and Mr Bill Rayner for making this year's ABC New Inventors Grand Final. Dr Brockwell and Dr Holland were Invention of the Year Grand Finalists for their Intelligent Plastic innovation, and Bill Rayner made the People's Choice Grand Finals for his invention, The Cutter. Through their ingenuity, hard work and commitment all finalists are very deserving of the honours and IDC wishes them continued success. [\[more\]](#)

Commercialisation Help Made Simpler

The Government will introduce a new, simpler form of assistance to companies seeking to take their ideas to market from early January 2010. "Government assistance for commercialising Australian innovation will be simplified through Commercialisation Australia," Senator Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research said. "This is a radical new approach to government commercialisation assistance through a single program, Commercialisation Australia. [\[more\]](#)

IP Licensing Opportunity – Silk Canvas

The *Silk Canvas* is a form of smooth-finish artist canvas used for creating artworks. The Canvas is formed by attaching a layer of silk to pre-primed plain canvas/fabric (e.g. cotton, linen, hemp, jute, duck canvas etc) with a surface coating then applied. The *Silk Canvas* provides professional artists, visual art teachers and students, or art and craft hobbyists with a highly versatile substrate, which can be used with a wide variety of mediums including oil and acrylic paint, watercolour, pastel, ink, pencil and silk dyes. Opportunity to license the intellectual property (IP) rights of this innovation is currently available. [\[more\]](#)

Winners of Anthill's 2009 Cool Company Awards Announced

Anthill's Cool Company Awards publicly acknowledge and celebrate Australian organisations that are doing things differently to bring about positive change. This year, Adelaide-based biotechnology company Vaxine Pty Ltd has been named Australia's "Coolest Company" at Anthill Magazine's 4th Annual Cool Company Awards. Vaxine is a South Australian-based biotechnology company specialising in the development of novel vaccine technologies. [\[more\]](#)

Hong Kong Inno Design Tech Expo (HKTDC IDT Expo)

HKTDC IDT Expo is a world-class showcase of innovative designs and technology solutions for new technologies, designs and ideas. IDT Expo will be held from 3-5 December 2009 at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. You are invited to participate in this most innovative event alongside inventors and innovations from Hong Kong, the Chinese mainland and around the world to demonstrate your invention, design or concept for commercialisation and business co-operation. [\[more\]](#)

POPSCI 2009 Best of What's New: 100 Best Innovations of the Year

The standards by which Popular Science (POPSCI) judge the year's greatest innovations are simple. The objects don't necessarily need to be beautiful (although some, like the all-glass TKTS building in Times Square, certainly are). They don't have to be eco-friendly (although the packaging made of biodegradable fungus certainly is). They don't even have to be difficult to build (with all due respect to the telescope designed to find Earth-like planets). They just have to push past what we thought was possible just twelve months ago. [\[more\]](#)

Australia's First 'iPod' Marks 60th Birthday

CSIRAC, the world's oldest intact computer and the first ever to be made in Australia, turns 60. The CSIRAC - Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research organisation Automatic Computer - is housed in the state's museum and has today been granted heritage listing as part of its birthday celebrations. It is the first computer ever to be made in Australia, the fourth computer ever to be made in the world and the only first generation computer that remains intact. [\[more\]](#)

Innovation ALERT™

Interested in the latest innovative ideas being filed with the Australian patent office? IDC's Innovation Alert™ provides a sneak preview at some of the latest Innovation Patents to be lodged.

Patent Number	Title	Applicant	Filing Date
2009101117	A lever and pull handle arrangement for a door	Gainsborough Hardware Industries Limited	3 Nov 09
2009101129	Improvements relating to heat pump hot water systems	CSI Enterprises Pty Ltd	4 Nov 09
2009101123	Paint roller washer spike	Mr Frank Bacic	5 Nov 09
2009101138	Flange for a pump	Walrus Pump Co., Ltd	9 Nov 09
2009101146	Improved system and method of dispensing digital media from vending and kiosk machines	Global Digital Networks Pty Ltd	10 Nov 09
2009101155	A brick	The Austral Brick Company Pty Ltd	11 Nov 09
2009101167	Surf board cover/bag with built/in fold-out tent	Ms Marta Podhorski-Okolow	14 Nov 09

IdeaPaint: Dry-Erase Paint for Work, School and Home

IdeaPaint turns virtually anything you can paint into a high-performance dry-erase surface and any room into a hub of creativity and collaboration. IdeaPaint can be applied to walls, tables, bikes, refrigerators, furniture, doors, cabinets, garden gnomes and more. No matter where you use it big ideas follow. [\[more\]](#)

\$985,600 to Help Bring 14 Innovations to Market

A new car seatbelt that also loops around the top of the legs, online software that analyses telephone bills and recommends the best plans and providers, and a low-odour aerosol paint are among 14 Australian innovations to share Australian Government grants to help bring them to market. Senator Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, announced that 14 projects would share a total of \$985,600 in *Commercialising Emerging Technologies (COMET)* funding. [\[more\]](#)

New Shipping Invention to Empower Fruit Exporters

Fruits can now reach farther markets as a leading shipping company has introduced StarCare, a new generation of Controlled Atmosphere (CA) containers that would preserve the fruits from ripening and decaying in their long transportation period. Bananas, the fourth most widely consumed food of humans after rice, wheat and corn, will largely benefit from the latest transportation invention, and the resultant longer shelf life would likely help them to take larger share of the global food market. [\[more\]](#)

EcoDisc - The First Environmentally Friendly DVD

Invented by Hilal (Al) Fetouhi and Roger Nute, the enviro-friendly EcoDisc consists of only one layer of plastic (polycarbonate) instead of the two-bonded layers of a traditional DVD. This simpler, longer-lasting disc uses only half the plastic and requires half the energy in production. This means that producing an EcoDisc emits 52% less carbon dioxide than a traditional DVD. [\[more\]](#)

Over 10,000 Counterfeit Tiffany & Co. Items Seized

Customs and Border Protection officers in Fremantle have stopped more than 10,000 counterfeit Tiffany & Co. items from reaching the local market and being sold to unsuspecting consumers. Minister for Home Affairs, Mr Brendan O'Connor, praised the work of Customs and Border Protection officers in preventing intellectual property crimes. [\[more\]](#)

TIME Magazine's 50 Best Inventions of 2009

From a rocket of the future to a \$10 million lightbulb, here are TIME's picks for the best new gadgets and breakthrough ideas of the year. [\[more\]](#)

Mobile Inventor Says Today's Phones Are Too Complex

The inventor of the mobile phone says the devices have become too complex, with a range of features from cameras to music, since he made the first wireless call more than three decades ago. [\[more\]](#)

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