Supporting innovation and innovators

How the insurance market is helping to realise the true value of creativity.



Motivation

Why are we here?

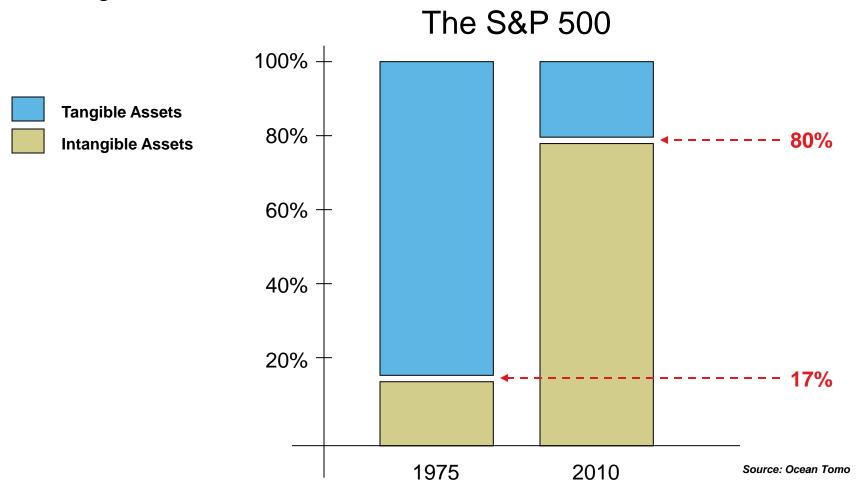
Is it all about money?





IP is valuable.

The great reversal!





IP is everywhere

A typical UK public limited company:

Will have:	Likely have:	Often have:
Domain names	Registered trademarks	Patents
Trademarks	Database rights	Registered designs
Goodwill		Unregistered designs
Copyright		
Confidential information		

 Insurance market must respond to the need to protect these valuable intangible assets.



Completing the circle

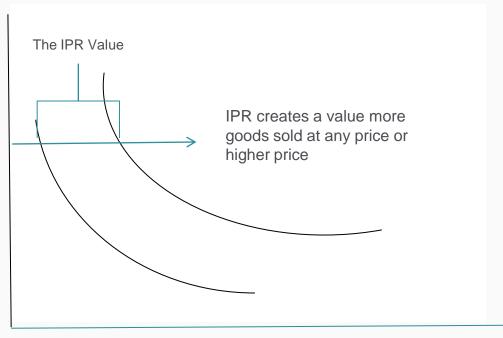
- "The best insurance policy is a well drafted patent"
 - But it doesn't pay claims!
- Completing the circle
 - You provide the right and the basis upon which to sue
 - We provide the financial means to do so
- Includes patents, trademarks, designs, copyright, circuit layout rights, plant breeders rights, trade secrets and confidentiality, idea protection, image rights, database rights, inventions and discoveries.
- Doesn't insure intellectual property!





Intellectual property rights shift the demand curve to the right.

Price



Insurance facilitates realisation of the IPR value...



WHAT ARE THE EXPOSURES?

- Infringement Liability (Defence)
- Pursuit of infringers
- IP Validity/Ownership
- Injunctions/Recall
- (IP Value)

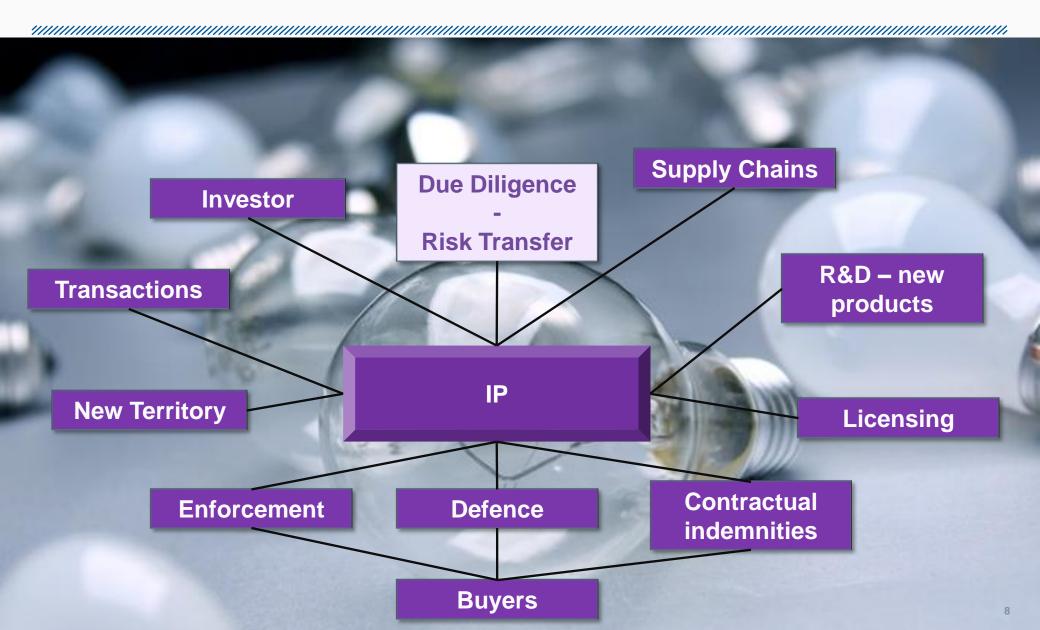
WHERE ARE THE EXPOSURES?

- Fast moving and/or High value
- Disruptive products
- 'Unknown' future
- Core products (yours and competitors)
- FRAND* licensing
- Patent thickets
- *Fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory











Why insure? "Inside the dispute" reasons:

- Unpredictable legal costs are a serious risk to the business
- Patents, trade marks designs and know-how are not worth a great deal if you can't afford to enforce them (Pursuit)
- Claims don't need to be justified to break the business (Defence)
- Injunctions are not available if the claimant cannot secure the cross undertaking (Pursuit)
- After the event finance is brutally expensive
- Spending investment funds on litigation takes away from research development and working capital



Why insure? "Outside the dispute" reasons:

The importance of IP (to you and your competitors)

Control of own destiny

Strategic litigation v Actual infringement

Contractual Indemnities

Cash Flow

Reputation

Survival

Insurance is a Business Enabler in the contact with all stakeholders



Assuring the freedom to operate:

The event is foreseeable but unlikely and the costs of remedy could not be borne by the individual business without threatening the future viability of that business, its freedom to operate or the continued investment in working capital or development.

Insurance facilitates continued freedom to operate.



Tangible Assets If your building burns down you need a builder and a pot of money

If your car is stolen you need a garage and a pot of money

Intangible Assets
If your IPR is stolen or threatened you need a lawyer and a pot of money

The Insurance



The Defence Risk:

Alleged or actual infringement of third party IP causes:

Years of litigation

Loss or settlement

Court Injunction

The Insurance:

Annual claims made, covering particularly legal costs and damages.

SME business: Standard wordings with capacity to €20million.

Corporate business: The market is cautious, but capacity can reach

>€100million for bespoke solutions.

Start-ups or growing: volume solutions at low cost?

The Insurance



The Pursuit Risk:

Actual or anticipated infringement of YOUR IP causes:

Years of litigation and substantial cost

Loss of income

Uncertainty with stakeholders

The Insurance:

Annual claims made, covering particularly legal costs and cross-undertaking.

SME business: Standard wordings with capacity to €10million.

Corporate business: No.

Start-ups or growing: volume solutions at low cost?

The Insurance – Munich Re's policy

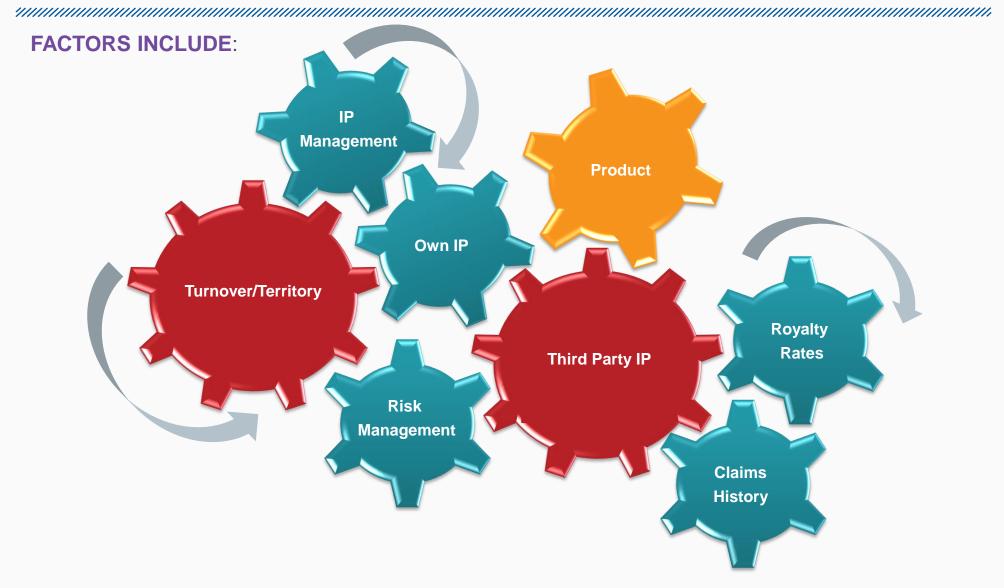


Section of Coverage	per Claim in respect of Covered Expense	per Claim in respect of Covered Loss other than Covered Expense
1.1 Defence of Infringement claims	10,000,000	10,000,000
1.2 Licensing and contractual obligations	10,000,000	10,000,000
1.3 Directors and Officers	10,000,000	10,000,000
	per Claim and in the	per Claim and in the aggregate in
1.4 Business continuity and	aggregate in respect of	respect of Covered Loss other
Recall Compliance Expenses	Covered Expense	than Covered Expense
	1,000,000	1,000,000
1.5 Pursuit Action against a third party	per Claim and in the aggregate in respect of Covered Expense	per Claim and in the aggregate in respect of Cross Undertaking
	5,000,000	5,000,000

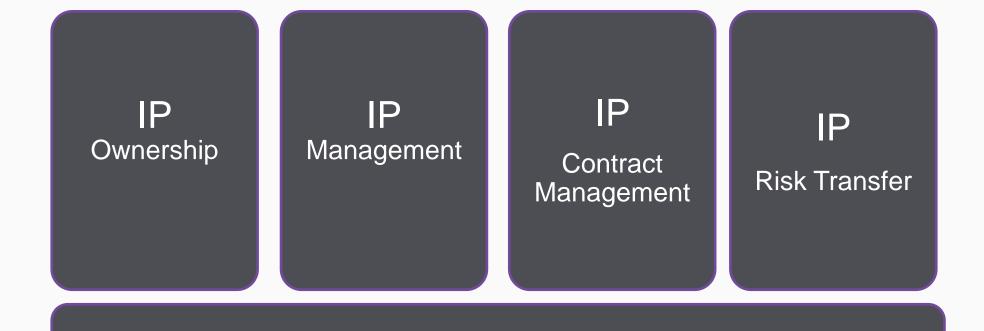
Subject to annual aggregate limit

Underwriting Considerations









IP risk management

Risk Calculation and Pricing

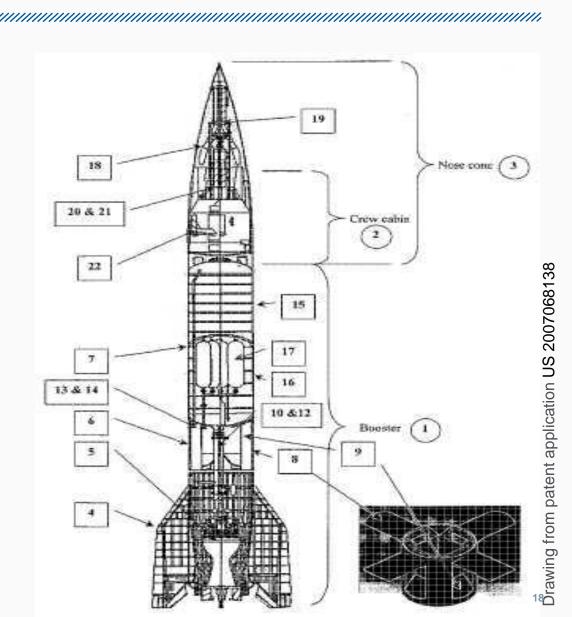


By sector, size, countries etc...:

- Frequency of litigation;
- Who and how many are the defendants;
- Average costs;
- Average outcome;

Individual client:

- Products
- Risk management;
- Contract management;
- IP Rights;
- Claims history; ETC



Risk Calculation and Pricing



Information requirements from client:

- Full details of the product (if third parties involved is ownership and confidentiality agreed?)
- Top 3 competitors and how the product differs from the competition
- Full list of IP to be covered
- Copies of agreement where contractual obligations are to be insured
- Internal/external IP (risk) management procedures.
 - If client does not undertake freedom to operate/clearance searches, ask why
 - Competitor watches?
 - Product development process?
- Details of all claims, whether as defendant or claimant, in respect of intellectual property infringement, validity or ownership.
 - •This must include subject matter of claim, parties involved and costs to date

Specifically for the Pursuit cover:

- Have any of the patents been subject to ex-parte re-examination or collateralisation?
- Have any patents been transferred from third parties, if yes please advise which ones.

Risk Calculation and Pricing - Defence



Example enquiries: Client 'FGB'

Turnover: £10,000,000

Insurance limit: £5,000,000 annual aggregate for defence costs and damages

Profile: Medium risk sector but with good risk management and a strong IP

portfolio.

Claims history: None.

Policy: Self-insured retention: £50,000 any one claim.

Premium: £40,000

Option: A £1,000,000 limit could cost £10,000.

Risk Calculation and Pricing - Defence



Example enquiries: Client X

Turnover: £100,000,000

Insurance limit: £5,000,000 annual aggregate for defence costs and damages

Profile: High risk sector but with good risk management and a strong IP portfolio.

Claims history: 1. 2002: defence costs £85,000, closed.

Policy: Self-insured retention: £100,000 any one claim.

Premium: £90,000

Option: if client accepts higher deductible, premium is reduced.

Risk Calculation and Pricing - Defence



Example enquiries: Client Y

Turnover: £100,000,000

Insurance limit: £5,000,000 annual aggregate for defence costs and damages

Profile: High risk sector but with good risk management and a strong IP portfolio.

Claims history: 1. 2002: defence costs £85,000, closed.

2. 2006: defence costs £900,000, closed.

3. 2009: defence costs £1,050,000, settlement £850,000, closed

4. 2009: defence costs £40,000, settlement £150,000, closed.

5. 2010: defence costs £1,400,000, open.

6. 2011: defence costs £50,000, open.

7. 2012: defence costs £80,000, open.

Policy: Self-insured retention: minimum £1,500,000 any one claim.

Premium: £250,000
Option: Decline...

Risk Calculation and Pricing - Pursuit



The Rating of Defence and Pursuit are NOT linked. It is not suitable to add pursuit 'as a percentage' to the defence premium.

Pursuit rating factors and process include:

- Sector
- Identification of 'value' patents (valid and relevant) in portfolio;
- Claims history;
- Company profile and approach to litigation;

Claims History:

Many companies send warning letters with some frequency. This does not make it a 'bad' pursuit risk but it has to be expected that the deductible is set at a level where insurer does not pay attrition losses.

Size is not important from a Pursuit perspective BUT larger entities will have to share the risk (deductible and increased co-insurance)



Risk transfer in Tangible Assets made trade possible and assisted in the development of the Industrial Revolution (MK I)

Risk Transfer in Intangible Assets can have the same effect on the Industrial Revolution (MK II)

What's the problem?

- Cover not as expensive as you might think, but could it be cheaper?
 - Market is small and immature

Selection causes 'claims/cost' spiral

3. Insurers find that premium income is insufficient to pay losses and cover costs/profit

4. Insurers respond by increasing premiums to recoup losses

1. Relative high cost of a policy means only those anticipating a claim effect cover

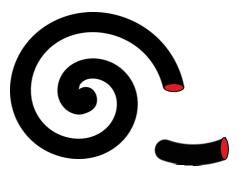


2. More policies experience

claims as a result

Stopping the spiral

- Build volume into the market
- Work with IP professionals to raise awareness of benefits
- Raise the profile of IP and stress it's role in the modern economy
- Encourage the insurance market to be innovative in the approach to IP protection





Offsetting pension scheme deficits

- According to the Pension Protection Fund
 - Of the 6,432 schemes eligible for membership of the PPF, 5,189 are in deficit
 - Total value of the deficit to the end of March 2012 £206.2 billion
- IP has become the perfect vehicle:
 - Mainstream
 - Valuable
 - Ubiquitous
 - Diverse
 - Expanding
 - Long-lasting
 - Transaction friendly





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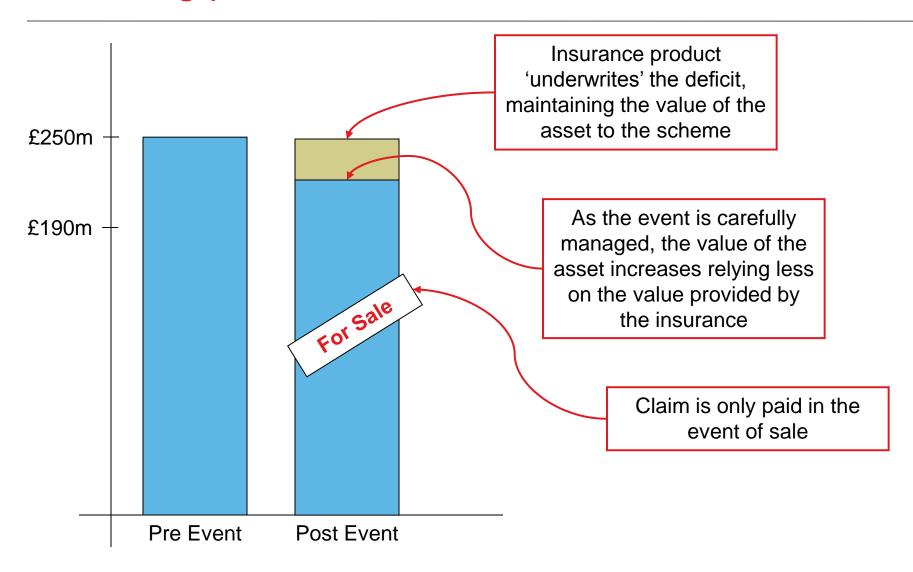
- What are we doing to help?:
 - Proposing to underwrite the value of the IP
 - Provide 'peace of mind' to the trustees
 - Speed up the process
 - Reduce cost

Example:

- JK Spring Water has its trademark "Dribbly" valued at £250m
- Assigned to pension scheme to offset deficit
- Contamination scare causes loss of value of £60m.
- PR company and management employed to minimise impact of event



Offsetting pension scheme deficits





Thank you

Questions?

