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“Maximising IP Value in Cleantech Commercialisation”

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PANELISTS

MODERATOR: JEREMY HOLMES, INDEPENDENT IP CONSULTANT



I am a UK and European patent attorney with 25 years' experience of in-house, hands-on IP management, and am an IAM300 IP strategist since 2017, and In-House Corporate IP Star (Managing IP) since 2016.

My IP career started at ICI/Zeneca working on various chemistry-led portfolios, and then with Reckitt Benckiser ('RB'), where I managed global patent and design portfolios for key brands such as Airwick, Veet, Clearasil, Mortein and Harpic, and gained extensive experience in IP litigation and due diligence.

In 2012, I joined Imperial Innovations (the independent TTO serving Imperial College) as Head of IP, and built up its in-house IP skills to best leverage its considerable IP portfolio, enhanced the interactions with external service providers, and embedded in-house patent searching skills within the licensing teams. In parallel, for Innovations' investment arm, Touchstone Innovations, I ensured that thorough and timely due diligence was carried out on investment opportunities, and reviewed in detail the IP assets of potential investments. I also acted as an in-house consultant on IP issues and provided IP education within the entrepreneurship community in Imperial College.

Following the merger of Touchstone Innovations into IP Group plc in 2017, I remained at IP Group as Head of IP, where over the course of more than 6 years, in addition to the roles mentioned above, I provided a wide range of in-house IP services to the Group's portfolio companies focused on improving their value by transforming their IP management and awareness.

From January 2024, I made the move to work as an independent IP consultant, and work with a wide variety of tech start-ups, and alongside tech investors, to bring my depth of experience to bear on the many and various IP challenges they face.

JANE JIN, CO-FOUNDER & COO AT OXCCU TECH



Jane is the co-founder and COO of OXCCU Tech, responsible for company's internal operation management as well as IP management and strategy. Before setting up OXCCU, Jane was the ClimateTech Innovation Lead at the Licensing and Ventures team at Oxford University Innovation, managing over a portfolio of IP projects ranging from chemicals and plastics to medical devices and software. While at Oxford, Jane also works as an IP consultant for OSCAR, a wholly owned subsidiary of Oxford University in China, mainly responsible for setting up a new IP management and commercialisation practice, developing IP commercialisation procedures and providing trainings for new staff. Jane started her first job as an innovation analyst at Oakland Innovation after she completed her PhD study at Cambridge University in 2010, experienced in IP landscaping studies, helping multinational companies to identify and evaluate market opportunities and develop strategies to enter new market.

MARTIN YAGI, IP MANAGER AT FIRST LIGHT FUSION



Martin Yagi is the IP manager at First Light Fusion, an innovative Oxford University spin-out where the mission is to solve the problem of fusion power by the simplest means possible. At First Light Martin is responsible for all aspects (strategy, policy, processes, invention capture and assessment, open source license compliance, etc) of all types of IP. He can also use a spanner to tighten a bolt or two when required.

ROBERT TREZONA, CO-FOUNDER & PARTNER AT KIKO VENTURES



Robert is co-founder and Partner at Kiko Ventures. Following a varied early career in clean energy research and then consultancy with McKinsey, Robert has been one of the most active investors in cleantech startups in Europe over the last 15 years and is also a commissioner of the Energy Transitions Commission.