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Invequity Launches Patent Search, Sharing and Document Download Site, PatentMonkey.com

Invequity designs and launches free patent search website, PatentMonkey.com, combining efficient front page and text scanning, and the ability to save and bulk download a number of patents all on one website.

Reston, VA (PRWEB) February 2, 2007 – A picture is worth a thousand words, and possibly more when patent searching. Typically, efficient patent searchers review a combination of patent text and images to quickly scan hundreds of patents. PatentMonkey.com was designed with that process in mind and provides a fully-searchable, user-focused US patent search engine developed from best practices that save searchers significant time and money.

Patent information is growing at a rapid pace and, with it, comes the growing challenges of reviewing larger search results on existing inventions. PatentMonkey.com enters the market to meet the needs of the professional patent searcher as well as the technically savvy innovator, providing unique searching tools and document download features in an open, free search system that includes up to date USPTO information.

PatentMonkey.com was designed with four main benefits:

1. Efficient Search Using Patent Front Pages and Text on One View Screen – PatentMonkey.com offers, all on one view screen, a patent front page and a text box that shows a user-selected option of the Claims, Abstract or Full Description of the patent, (small and large front page image size available for different monitor sizes). Our navigation allows users to go from patent to patent in a search while efficiently seeing a wide array of data points on a patent.
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4. Dynamically Displaying Patent Status on Every Patent Detail Page – Our up-to-date database includes patent fee maintenance and expiration information and displays a patent’s status while you search. With almost of a third of all potentially active patents abandoned, this information can quickly assist searchers in identifying available patented technology options.

Each year, millions of patent searches are performed by over 3 million engineers and technically savvy innovators (source: NSF) as well as the 33,000 U.S. registered patent professionals (source: USPTO). A common search includes reviewing 50 to 500 patents, scanning a combination of the summary patent text and viewing the patent’s image to reach a targeted 5-20 patents that warrant a deeper review. This process can take three to six hours. The same search and review using PatentMonkey.com will save patent searchers hours.

Paul Ratcliffe, CEO and Co-Founder of Invequity, was a former patent examiner and is a registered patent attorney that has used his first hand experience in conducting and reviewing patent search results to help

shape the front page view employed on PatentMonkey.com. "In the days before all patents were digitized," Paul explains, "examiners used drawers or "shoes" to store paper copies of the patents which allowed examiners to quickly review patent front pages to identify the patents of interest. Examiners would then take the patents of interest for a more in-depth review. PatentMonkey.com was designed to enable users to replicate that efficient process in an open and modern version."

Front pages were developed by the USPTO to efficiently deliver a large amount of information in a concise format to aid those reviewing patents. We fully utilize the front page, then added status and a user selectable text window with different sections of a patent to provide a complete dashboard of information on every patent - all on one screen.

Users are invited to use our system and register for an account to tap into all of PatentMonkey.com's features. For additional information about PatentMonkey.com or interviews with the Co-Founders, contact Cory Sorice or visit www.PatentMonkey.com.

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Invequity provides a number of patent services including PatentMonkey.com, an online patent search engine, i4e.com, a collaborative invention website and value-add patenting, marketing and licensing services for corporate clients and individual inventors. Invequity is also a proud member of IncSpire, the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce Incubator Program.

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