

This page seeks to provide information to **non-Wits** inventors/ innovators regarding assistance in respect of:

- obtaining intellectual property protection and advice; and / or
- funding and development

For technology to which Wits has no claim, in terms of its IP Policy.

The website for IdeaNav Patent attorneys provides many useful tools that may be of assistance in terms of both points outlined above, and is a one stop shop for an inventor, providing information on: self-filing patent applications, prototype development, funding, trademarks, designs etc. - <http://www.ideanav.co.za/>

With regard to intellectual property protection and advice, there are a number of law firms that specialise in intellectual property matters, including:

<b>Intellectual Property Law firms in SA</b>		
<b>Adams &amp; Adams</b>	Intellectual property law and general commercial legal services	Tel: +27 12 432 6000 Tel: +27 11 895 1000 <a href="http://www.adamsadams.com">http://www.adamsadams.com</a>
<b>De Kock Attorneys</b>	Intellectual property services including: patents, designs, copyright, domain names, software, commercial intellectual property advice and trademarks.	Tel: 011 644 8960 <a href="http://www.dekock.co.za">http://www.dekock.co.za</a>
<b>Hahn &amp; Hahn Inc</b>	Patent, Design and Trademark protection in South Africa and the entire African Continent.	Head Office, Tel: (27)(12) 342 1774, Fax: (27)(12) 342 3027, <a href="http://www.hahn.co.za">www.hahn.co.za</a>
<b>DM Kisch Inc.</b>	Intellectual property law, such as filing and prosecution of trade mark, patent and design applications in South Africa, Africa and the rest of the world	Tel: +27 11 324 3000, <a href="http://dmkisch.com">http://dmkisch.com</a>
<b>Sibanda &amp; Zantwijk</b>	Patent and design filing, Commercial, Tax, Exchange control, Valuation	Tel: +27 (0)11 483 3128 <a href="http://www.snz.co.za">http://www.snz.co.za</a>
<b>Smit &amp; Van Wyk, Inc</b>	All aspects relating to patents, trademarks, industrial designs, copyright, including litigation, as well as commercial rights attached to intellectual property protection	Tel: +27 12 349 7800, <a href="http://www.svw.co.za">http://www.svw.co.za</a>

<b>Spoor &amp; Fisher</b>	Spoor & Fisher covers all aspects of intellectual property law including patents, trademarks, copyright and designs, related litigation, commercial transactions, due diligence and portfolio management	Tel: 27 11 994 5100 <a href="http://www.spoor.com">http://www.spoor.com</a>
<b>Von Seidels</b>	Protecting and enforcing IP rights in Africa and internationally	Tel: +27 21 526 2800 <a href="http://www.vonseidels.com/">http://www.vonseidels.com/</a>

A number of Government institutions or agencies offer financial and / or non-financial support in innovation to assist in further developing technology.

<b>Innovation support Institutions/ Agencies</b>		
<b>The Innovation Hub</b>	A science and technology park with the aim of promoting a culture of innovation and the competitiveness of associated businesses and knowledge-based institutions in Gauteng	Tel Number: +27 12 844 0000, <a href="http://www.theinnovationhub.com">http://www.theinnovationhub.com</a>
<b>Technology Innovation Agency</b>	Mandated with stimulating and intensifying technological innovation through technological innovations	<b>Switchboard:</b> +27 (0) 12 472 2700 <a href="http://www.tia.org.za">www.tia.org.za</a>
<b>Support Programme for Industrial Innovation (SPII)</b>	Aimed at supporting innovation that has the potential to stimulate industry	Tel: 011 269 3917 <a href="http://www.spil.co.za">http://www.spil.co.za</a>
<b>National Empowerment Fund</b>	Promoting and facilitating black economic participation through financial and non-financial support to black-empowered businesses	Call: 0800 212 705, <a href="http://www.nefcorp.co.za">http://www.nefcorp.co.za</a>
<b>Small Enterprise Finance Agency</b>	Foster the establishment, survival and growth of SMMEs, through provision of funding for small enterprises	Call Centre: 086000 7332 (sefa) <a href="http://www.sefa.org.za">http://www.sefa.org.za</a>
<b>Small Enterprise Development Agency</b>	Develop, support and promote small enterprises throughout the country, in partnership with various role players, including global partners to make international best practices available to local entrepreneurs	<b>Tel:</b> +27 12 441 1000, <a href="http://www.seda.org.za">http://www.seda.org.za</a>

For assistance with product development.

<b>Product Development Companies</b>		
<b>Skeg</b>	Product development assistance at all stages, including, technology development, industrial, mechanical and electronics design, prototype development, life time testing and manufacturing.	Tel: +27 (0)21 552 5707 Tel: +27 (0)21 551 1441 <a href="http://skeg.com/">http://skeg.com/</a>