

PRE-ACTION SECURING OF EVIDENCE

Pre-Action Discovery and Pre-Action Interrogatory

Time* frame: about 2 months

Court order for Securing Known Evidence, e.g. by inspection of property

Costs*: about 50k SGD

COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION

Commencement of action

File In the High Court

- 1) Writ
- 2) Statement of Claim
- 3) Particulars of Infringement

Service of Writ on Defendant

Defendant files Notice of Intention to put in issue the validity of the Patent

Time* frame: about 2 months

Costs*: about 20k SGD

Defendant to file:

- 1) Defence
- 2) Counterclaim
- 3) Particulars of Objection

Plaintiff to file:

- 1) Reply to Defence
- 2) Defence to Counterclaim

Close of Pleadings

further amendments to pleadings only with Court's permission

Time* frame: about 4 months

Costs*: about 50k SGD

PLEADINGS

Interlocutory Proceedings (optional)

At any time, parties may make interlocutory applications such as:

- 1) Injunction
- 2) Inspection of property
- 3) Further and better particulars of the pleadings
- 4) Amendment of pleadings
- 5) Amendment of patent
- 6) Striking out of pleadings
- 7) Security for costs (against foreign parties)
- 8) Preservation of evidence
- 9) Bifurcation

Predictions of costs and time impossible.

DISCOVERY AND WITNESS STATEMENTS

Parties file lists of relevant documents

Completion of discovery, interrogatories and experiments

prepare our own witness statement

Exchange witness statements

Specific Discovery: Force the disclosure of documents which have not been voluntarily disclosed after reviewing the lists of documents
Experiments: After filing the lists of documents, parties can apply for experiments

Time* frame: about 4 month

Costs*: about 200k SGD

TRIAL AND APPEAL

Time* frame: about 2 weeks

Prepare Trial

Costs*: about 180k SGD

Time* frame: about 3 – 4 full days

Trial

Written Decision

Time* frame: about 4 month

Assessment of Damages

Further discovery and trial will be set down if Plaintiff wins suit

Costs*: about 120k SGD

File Appeal (optional)