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**CLOSING DATE: 17 February 2024** 

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The Moses Kotane Institute (MKRI) is a leading research institute in growing the economy through research and development in KwaZulu-Natal. It develops practical research-based solutions that contribute to the needs of the provincial economy by using research recommendations towards policy development and service delivery interventions. As part of development, a support opportunity exists for researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs and SMMEs who wish to protect the intellectual property for their research and innovative products or solutions (inventions). This initiative is tailored for individuals and businesses that have **NEVER** received support in MKRI innovation-related initiatives.

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To qualify for this program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be registered with the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC).
- Have drawings or designs of the invention (include as part of the application).
- Clearly indicate whether the invention is an improvement on an existing one or an entirely new concept.
- Must be South African and reside in KwaZulu-Natal.
- Provide proof of residence in KwaZulu-Natal.
- Submit a copy of the business registration.
- Include a detailed proposal/concept of the project.
- Attach a certified copy of a South African ID

#### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Interested parties are invited to submit their comprehensive applications by the deadline of **17 February 2024**. Applications should be emailed to <u>innovation@moseskotane.com</u> with the subject line "MKRI IP Filing Application - [Your Company Name]."

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

- Ensure that all required documents are attached.
- If there is no communication within 2 weeks after the closing date, consider your application unsuccessful.
- MKRI reserves the right to appoint or not appoint.
- Aid will exclusively be provided through this specific call, and no support will be extended beyond this opportunity.
- This call will only support applicants up to a maximum of four..

