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## Questel Acquires Specialized Patent Services and Reinforces its Prior-Art Search Services

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[Questel](#) is pleased to announce the acquisition of [Specialized Patent Services](#). Specialized Patent Services will reinforce the prior-art search offer currently promoted by our US subsidiary, The PatentPeople. Technology areas such as electrical, chemical, petroleum, mechanical, and biotech, are covered for the following searches:

- Patentability and Novelty
- Collection
- Infringement
- Validity
- State-of-the-Art

“Specialized Patent Services provides searches exclusively run by skilled professionals located next to the USPTO”, says Charles Besson, Questel C.E.O. “This know-how and proximity is compulsory to deliver a high-quality service to our customers”.

“Our value and methodology are in line with The PatentPeople approach” adds Christopher E. Kondracki, SPS C.E.O. “Both services will rapidly learn from each other and support Questel’s current offer”.

Specialized Patent Services will also strengthen [Questel DigiPat](#) document delivery business in providing:

- Expanded file history services and inventory (worldwide)
- Patent copies
- Assignment and title searches
- Copyright searches
- Legalizations and authentications
- Certifications (Patent and Trademark)

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### **About Questel:**

Questel has been focusing on Intellectual Property, for more than 30 years. We provide a suite of leading-edge patent, trademark and industrial design services to researchers, lawyers, scientists, and competitive intelligence professionals. Known for the largest databases collections in the world, we also offer a wide array of tools for searching, watching, archiving and sharing information, as well as analyzing and managing IP portfolios.

Since 2007, Questel has been supported by the leading European mid-cap Private Equity investor, Syntegra Capital.

### **About SPS:**

SPS has been active in the patent and trademark field for 31 years.

Our seasoned experience and expertise in patent and trademark search services can provide with the technical research services that you need; with results supplied in a detailed and efficient manner that you can trust.

SPS is a full service Patent and Trademark company with key expertise in intellectual property searches in a variety of areas.