

# Japan Patent Office Issues Notice of Acceptance of Microarray Skincare Patent

**OBJ Limited (ASX: OBJ)** has received notice that the Japan Patent Office (JPO) has issued a Notice of Acceptance of OBJ's magnetic microarray skincare patent.

A Notice of Acceptance is the final approval stage and precedes actual granting which is expected shortly. The patent identification is Japanese Patent Application 2013-514498

The granting of this patent by the US Patent Office (USPTO) was also announced recently, with prosecution of the same patent application continuing in Europe.

As with the patent granted by the USPTO, the JPO patent has a life of 20 years from the earliest filing date of the application. OBJ expects it to be highly valued by SK-II, the Japan-based brand commercialising the microarray technology.

The added benefit of patent protected market exclusivity adds further value to the measurable improvement in product performance the microarray technology provides to P&G. P&G has exclusive rights to use OBJ's microarray technology for its skincare products in the beauty and grooming market.

This new patent acceptance further expands OBJ's growing portfolio of granted intellectual property protection that now includes:

- Skincare microarray granted in USA, accepted in Japan
- Programmable array granted in USA, UK, France and Germany
- Skincare device and fabric care granted in Australia
- Oral care microarray granted in USA and Japan

### **About OBJ**

OBJ develops proprietary magnetic micro-array drug delivery and product enhancement technologies for the pharmaceutical, healthcare and consumer goods sectors. OBJ partners companies in the design and development of next generation products using physical science rather than chemistry to provide new levels of product performance without the cost of reformulation or new ingredient approvals.

OBJ offers a portfolio of proprietary technologies and supports partners by providing IP-protected market exclusivity, expertise in magnetic array design, feasibility and efficacy and claims testing, engineering and production.

### **About OBJ's Technologies**

OBJ has developed a platform of physical enhancement technologies based on low-cost magnetic micro-arrays that influence the movement and penetration through the skin of drugs, active ingredients and formulations at the molecular level.

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Complex 3-D array and moving magnetic fields have the ability to repulse certain molecules to enhance diffusion and to alter the permeability of certain biological and non-biological targets.

OBJ develops low cost micro-array film technology that utilise diamagnetic repulsion, induced permeation and energy redirection to offer a new way of managing the speed, depth of penetration and delivery of active ingredients in a wide range of pharmaceutical and consumer products.

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