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DibbsBarker secures leading technology licensing practitioner Rob McInnes

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DibbsBarker has appointed Rob McInnes, an internationally recognised technology licensing specialist, to the partnership. Rob joins the firm as a partner in the Intellectual Property & Technology team. Acknowledged as one of the top 250 technology licensing lawyers worldwide, and one of only four Australians to have met the requirements for the Certified Licensing Professional qualification, he is a specialist in the structuring and negotiation of patent licences and other contracts for the development and commercialisation of new technologies.

Rob has significant experience as a lawyer in private practice and also as an in-house manager of IP and technology transfer. He advises management in research organisations, venture capital investors, and technology-based ventures. He has a special interest in the healthcare and life sciences field. His expertise includes technology licensing, commercialisation of IP, R&D collaboration agreements, IP strategic advice and IP due diligence.

Consistent with DibbsBarker's industry focus, Rob's appointment will further strengthen the Medical/Pharmaceutical Industry Group through his highly regarded work with research institutions and in positioning early stage companies for growth.

Lis Boyce, Medical/Pharmaceutical Industry Group Leader, said: "Rob is a strategic addition to our firm and our MedPharm Industry Group and we are very excited about his arrival. He will deliver real value to our clients through guiding the process of R&D, commercialisation and realising the value in their IP".

At industry level, Rob is a past president of the Licensing Executives Society of Australia and New Zealand and he was previously Chair of the Life Sciences and Industry/University/Government Transactions Committees of Licensing Executives Society International.

Rob McInnes said: "I am delighted to continue working with innovative companies in bringing technologies to the international marketplace through licensing and technology transfer in an environment where the full range of clients' needs can be met".

Recent additional appointments to the Intellectual Property & Technology team include Melissa McGrath, Senior Associate who has significant IP and patent litigation expertise, Sharyn Law, Senior Associate who has over 10 years experience in technology licensing and Catherine Boxhall, Senior Associate with a considerable track record in advising on technology licensing and intellectual property aspects of major transactions.

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