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IPR Protection from the perspective of a European SME

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Agenda

1. The risks of monetizing IP in China

2. Managing the risks

3.The future





The risks of monetizing IP in China

- ✓ Essential to plan, manage, protect and leverage your IP
- ✓ Failure to do so could mean you lose it
- √ Some examples





Managing the risks

• Investment in IP protection required, but what should you protect?

Consider the core IP

Consider the IP that is most effective to enforce





Managing the risks: registration of IP

- ✓ Patents
- ✓ Trade marks
- ✓ Copyright
- ✓ Designs
- ✓ Software





Managing the risks: protection through contract

- Technology development, transfer, consultancy and service agreements
- Trade mark, copyright and patent licences
- Manufacturing, distribution and sales contracts
- Employment contracts



Managing the risks: protection through physical measures

- Restrict access to your confidential information
- "Black box" your technology supply key parts

yourself, use trusted contractors only





The Future

- SME's cannot risk a "wait and see" approach
- Can have faith in the Chinese system if you plan properly





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