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**IP Australia statement on patent application AU 2004309300  
relating to a human embryonic stem cell line**

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Australian patent application AU 2004309300 relates to a human embryonic stem cell line generated by the process of somatic cell nuclear transfer. Seoul National University Industry Foundation is the patent applicant.

The Commissioner of Patents considers that acceptance of the application was invalid. Accordingly the Commissioner has reopened examination of the application and an adverse examination report has been issued.

The statutory period available for acceptance of the application has expired and the application has lapsed.

Progress of the application will therefore be dependant on the applicant applying for and obtaining an extension of time, and then amending the application to satisfy the legal requirements for the grant of a patent.

**Background**

Patent examination by IP Australia is conducted against specific criteria including whether the claimed invention is new, involves an inventive step, is fully described and is clearly defined in the claims.