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Intellectual Property Rights

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT

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- Trademark rights
- Patent on inventions

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