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Your reference: OGPEG003
Application No.: **GB2602995.9**

Dear recipient

PATENTS ACT 1977: PATENTS RULES 2007
NOTIFICATION OF GRANT: PATENT SERIAL NUMBER GB2702820

I am pleased to tell you that your patent application number GB2602995.9 complies with the requirements of the Act and Rules, and that you are therefore granted a patent (for the purposes of Sections 1-23 of the Act) as from the date of this letter.

Grant of the patent is expected to be announced in the Patents Journal on 04 November 2026. In accordance with section 25(1), the patent will be treated for all later sections of the Act as having been granted and as taking effect on that date. The patent specification will be published on the same date, and you will receive the Certificate of Grant for your patent shortly afterwards. If you would also like a copy of your granted specification, this will be freely available from our website at www.search-for-intellectual-property.service.gov.uk/ .

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i. To renew your patent visit www.gov.uk/renew-patent

ii. Annual renewal fees are due once a patent has been granted. For most patents, the date on which the first renewal fee is due is the last day of the month in which the fourth anniversary of the filing date falls. Subsequent renewal fees will be due, each year, on the same due date. If you wish, you can pay a renewal fee in the 3-month period before each due date

iii. Where the patent is granted later than three years and nine months after the filing date, then the first renewal fee must be paid no later than the end of the third calendar month after the month in which the date of grant falls.

iv. Subsequent renewals will revert to being due on the last day of the month in which the anniversary of your filing date falls, as described in paragraph (ii) above. Please note: in certain circumstances, e.g. when a patent is granted later than four years and nine months after the filing date, you may be required to pay multiple years' renewal fees at the same time.

v. If any renewal fee is not paid by the due date, a further six months is allowed in which to pay the fee, however additional fees will be payable one month after the due date.

vi. An example – For a patent filed on 17 October 2021, the first renewal fee would be due for payment on 31 October 2025. The fee could be paid in advance from 1 August 2025. Subsequent renewal fees would be due on 31 October annually. The first free month of the late payment period would end on 30 November 2025 and if no payment was received by 30 April 2026 the patent would cease with effect from 17 October 2025.

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Yours faithfully

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