



# CERAMIC FUEL CELLS LIMITED

**Announcement**

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## **CFCL extends patent portfolio**

Ceramic Fuel Cells Limited is pleased to announce that it has been granted a new patent in Japan, for a coating used on electrical interconnects in fuel cells.

CFCL believes this innovation can provide a cost-efficient means of reducing the contact resistance within a solid oxide fuel cell stack, which increases the power output of the stack, ultimately leading to lower cost and higher efficiency.

The Japanese patent joins patents granted to CFCL for the same invention in the UK, USA, France, Germany, Italy, Australia and New Zealand.

This new Japanese patent gives CFCL a total of 46 granted patents. These are contained in 28 patent families (each family represents a single invention covered in multiple jurisdictions) that have been granted or are in the process of being examined by the various Patent Offices.

These inventions cover many aspects of fuel cell technology and associated balance of plant systems developed by CFCL since 1992, across a range of fuel cell designs and materials. This broad portfolio gives CFCL significant scope to expand its future designs and product options and offers opportunities for future revenue streams.

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Ceramic Fuel Cells Ltd (CFCL) is a publicly listed company (ASX and London AIM code CFU) and world leader in developing solid oxide fuel cells. CFCL's fuel cells have the potential to meet significant market demand in Europe, UK and Asia for clean, efficient and reliable electricity for use on site and sale back into the power grid. With 100 skilled staff and extensive patented technology, CFCL is pursuing partnerships for manufacture, production and use of its fuel cells in delivering electricity in homes, offices and industry around the world.

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