## **Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (MRIC)**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SERVICES FROM LOCALLY ACCREDITED FIRMS IN RELATION TO THE INNOVATION BOX REGIME UNDER SECTION 23E OF THE INCOME TAX REGULATIONS

The Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (MRIC; <a href="http://www.mric.mu">http://www.mric.mu</a>) has under S. 4(e) of the MRIC Act 2019, the object to "Promote Commercial Utilisation of the results of Research and Development and Innovation, in the National Interest".

Further to the announcement of the budget measure regarding the "provision of an Innovation Box Regime for Intellectual Property assets developed in Mauritius to encourage innovation – driven activities by new companies" in the Budget Speech 2017-2018, a number of regulations were put in place to facilitate the process for a company to apply to the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) for the grant of a tax holiday.

The Mauritius Research and Innovation Council is thus seeking expertise for the evaluation and subsequent determination of assets in the context of Regulation 23E and item 34 as described above. It wishes to outsource the services of firms whose expertise and experience in Intellectual Property will help in such determination.

More information pertaining to the Innovation Box regime can be accessed on our website (https://www.mric.mu/eoi)

Deadline to submit bid proposals: at latest by 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 at 15.00 Hours Mauritian time (UTC/GMT+4hr)

15th July 2022