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The Max Planck Society (MPG) operates as Germany's most successful organization in basic research and is world renowned for its cutting-edge research. In many cases this cutting-edge research also forms the basis for innovative products and services that are implemented through licensing and spin-off companies.

Thus we perform an important task: the transfer of basic research results into products, which contribute to the economic and social progress.

MI has been providing a link between science and business since 1970. Max Planck Innovation advises and supports Max Planck scientists in assessing the potential of an invention and applying for patents. It also markets patents, technologies and know how to industry and is on hand to help new entrepreneurs set up their business who convert the research results from the Max Planck Society into products and services.

Two start-ups are briefly presented as examples of successful technology transfer (licensing and company foundation) in the MPG: Ultrafast Innovations GmbH (www.ultrafast-innovations.com) and terraplasma GmbH (www.terraplasma.com).

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