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Your ref.: Z30111NO00
Application no.: 20210273 (please include in your reply)
Applicant: CyberIT Systems AS
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Office action in patent application no. 20210273

Basis of the opinion

Description received 2021.03.02
Claims received 2021.10.26
Drawings received 2021.03.02

Conclusion

The amended claims can be accepted, but the description must be adapted to the new description, and remaining defects must be resolved.

Assessment of patentability

The following is a reasoned statement with regard to novelty and inventive step, ref. Norwegian Patents Act, Section 2, first paragraph.

Novelty

As stated in our letter of 2021.09.30, we regard the invention to disclose novel technical features. The amended independent claims 1 and 14 are considered sufficiently clearly defined to be accepted, and do thereby fulfil the criteria for novelty.

Claims 2-13 fulfil the criteria for novelty due to claim dependency.

Inventive step

The same reasoning applies for inventive step as for novelty. With the amended claims sufficiently clearly defined, the criteria for inventive step is fulfilled for claims 1 and 14.

Claims 2-13 fulfil the criteria for inventive step due to claim dependency.

Certain defects and observations

Some of the key terms under "Terminology" in the description should be clarified as pointed out in our letter of 2021.09.30. This applies in particular to the terms "non-resistive" (which easily could be interpreted as the absence of frictional losses in the pipes), and "circulation".

Prior art, in form of D1-D3, should be at least briefly mentioned in the general part of the description.

Regarding translation of patent claim into Norwegian, see below.

Instructions

Amend the description as outlined above.

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