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Your ref.: 132068/DMO/FTS
Application no.: 20181333 (please include in your reply)
Applicant: UNIVERSITETET I STAVANGER, Harbin Engineering University
Due date: 2020.05.03

Office action in patent application no. 20181333

Basis of the opinion

Description received 2018.10.18
Claims received 2018.10.18
Drawings received 2018.10.18

Conclusion

With reference to your letter received 2019.12.13, we agree with your arguments and will therefore approve claim 1 as submitted.

Certain defects and observations

Claims 1 and 14, respectively, have been drafted as separate independent claims. With reference to Regulations to the Norwegian Patents Act (Patent Regulations), Section 7, last subsection; see also Examination Guidelines, part C, Chapter III, 3.1.2, an application may contain more than one independent claim in a particular category only if the subject-matter claimed falls within one or more of the exceptional situations set out in paragraphs a) - c). Basically these situations are a) a plurality of interrelated products, b) different uses of a product or apparatus or c) alternative solutions to a particular problem, where it is inappropriate to cover these alternatives by a single claim. This is not the case in the present application. We therefore suggest that claim 14 is formulated as a claim dependent on claim 1.

Instructions

In order to approve the application for grant of patent, documents prepared for publication of patent must be filed. Any deficiencies must be corrected or explained. The description must be amended in accordance with the accepted claims.

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Time limit for response

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Application documents in English – patent claims in Norwegian at the time of grant

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