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Application No.: 20140317 (**must be referred to in the response**)
Applicant: Nordic Mining ASA, Institutt for energiteknikk

Written opinion on patent application no. 20140317

We refer to your letter of June 10, 2015 with enclosed description and claims in amended form. Further we refer to your letter of July 6, 2015 with the above amended description and claims translated into norwegian.

The amended claims are considered to be acceptable with the present claims scope.

We have some formal remarks to the present claims set and description:

Claim 1, VI: the translation into norwegian is incorrect. Thus "metallkarbonater" should be "kalsiumkarbonat" whereas "metallklorid-løsningen" can be maintained. The definite article "det" (prior to Al^{3+}) should be deleted.

Claim 1, VII: "ekstraktive amin" should be given in indefinite form, ref. "patentretningslinjene, del C, kap. III, punkt 4.5.5 (guidelines for examination).

Claim 1, page 15, line 17: the preposition "til" (prior to $AlCl_3 \cdot H_2O$) should be "av".

The description should contain a reference to D1 in the chapter "bakgrunn for oppfinnelsen", ref. "patentretningslinjene, del C, kap. II, punkt 3.2.1, andre avsnitt".

You are requested to submit a new claims set that is amended according to the above. Besides figure sheets with text translated into norwegian must be submitted.

New documents, including description, should be corrected for any further errors and arranged for publication of the patent.

Defects and observations:

Instructions

When a patent claim is amended, the applicant shall state where in the documents the basis for the amendment is found, ref Regulations to the Norwegian Patents Act (Patent Regulations), section 20. If an amended description is filed, the applicant shall specify which parts of the description are not in accordance with the previously filed description and specify in which way the amendments imply anything new in respect to the prior art, see Patent Regulations, section 21.

Information regarding due date:

The applicant needs to submit a written response within the time limit above. If the applicant fails to reply or to take steps to correct a defect which has been pointed out, the application will be shelved. However, the processing of the application may be resumed, ref. Norwegian Patents Act, section 15, third paragraph and Regulation Relating to Payments etc. to the Norwegian Industrial Property Office and the Board of Appeal for Industrial Property Rights (Regulation on Fees), section 26. The time limit may be extended, ref. Regulation on Fees, section 6, fourth paragraph. For submission of documents see Regulations on Fees, sections 1 and 2.

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Sincerely yours,

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