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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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| Box No. I | Basis of this opinion |
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| 1. | With regard to the language , this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. |
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| 4. | Additional comments: |

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| Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Statement | <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 2px;">Novelty (N)</td> <td style="width: 10%; padding: 2px;">Claims</td> <td style="width: 60%; padding: 2px;"><u>1-38</u></td> <td style="width: 10%; padding: 2px;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Claims</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">_____</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Inventive step (IS)</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Claims</td> <td style="padding: 2px;"><u>1-38</u></td> <td style="padding: 2px;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Claims</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">_____</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Industrial applicability (IA)</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Claims</td> <td style="padding: 2px;"><u>1-38</u></td> <td style="padding: 2px;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Claims</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">_____</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">NO</td> </tr> </table> | Novelty (N) | Claims | <u>1-38</u> | YES | | Claims | _____ | NO | Inventive step (IS) | Claims | <u>1-38</u> | YES | | Claims | _____ | NO | Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | <u>1-38</u> | YES | | Claims | _____ | NO |
| Novelty (N) | Claims | <u>1-38</u> | YES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Claims | _____ | NO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | <u>1-38</u> | YES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Claims | _____ | NO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | <u>1-38</u> | YES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Claims | _____ | NO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Citations and explanations: | <p>Document 1: WO, 2002/029498, A1 (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 11 April, 2002 (11.04.02), full text, all drawings, & EP, 1253483, A1, & US, 2002/0190060, A1</p> <p>Document 2: JP, 2003-77645, A (Canon Inc.), 14 March, 2003 (14.03.03), full text, all drawings (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 3: JP, 2001-125407, A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 11 May, 2001 (11.05.01), full text, all drawings (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 4: JP, 10-74009, A (Minolta Co., Ltd.), 17 March, 1998 (17.03.98), full text, all drawings (Family: none)</p> <p>The subject matters of claims 1 to 38 appear to be novel and to have an inventive step as they are not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the ISR. In particular, it is not disclosed in any of the documents to arrange a magnetic shielding body on the opposite side of a magnetic flux generating unit against a heating element, and a person skilled in the art would not have easily conceived this point from any of the documents cited in the ISR.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |