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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

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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Box No. I	Basis of this opinion
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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2.	With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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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	Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-11</u>	YES
		Claims <u>12, 13</u>	NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
		Claims <u>1-13</u>	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-13</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
<p>2. Citations and explanations:</p> <p>Document 1: JP, 5-13951, A (Japan Gore-Tex Inc.), 22 January, 1993 (22.01.93) Document 2: JP, 11-87888, A (Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Inc.), 30 March, 1999 (30.03.99) Document 3: JP, 2001-38625, A (Mitsubishi Materials Corp), 13 February, 2001 (13.02.01) Document 4: JP, 10-86064, A (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.), 7 April, 1998 (07.04.98)</p> <p>Document 1 cited in the ISR describes a producing method of a sheet-like porous molding and electric circuit components. The sheet-like porous molding is formed with a porous fluoroplastic resin, in which penetrated portions are worked in a pattern-form. On the surface of the penetrated portions, a plating layer is selectively formed. When carrying out the plating above-mentioned, a resist or a photomask is provided so as to perform catalyst treatment, plating treatment and removal of resist or photomask.</p> <p>Document 2 cited in the ISR describes technical matters relating to the method for forming penetrated portions by blasting a film-like board which is made from an organic macromolecular material.</p> <p>Document 3 cited in the ISR describes technical matters relating to the method for sand-blasting over a mask by placing a flexible buffer on an opposite surface of the surface provided with the mask having penetrated portion in the method for forming penetrated portion by blasting.</p> <p>Document 4 cited in the ISR describes technical matters relating to the blasting method in which grains are of water-soluble inorganic salt.</p> <p>Claims 1-5, 10 and 11</p> <p>The subject matters of claims 1-5, 10 and 11 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1, 2 and 3.</p> <p>A person skilled in the art could have easily applied the above technical matters presented in documents 2 and 3 to the method for producing a porous molding presented in document 1. Moreover, it is considered to be a mere conventional means to form penetrated portions by composing recesses on both of one and the other surfaces when providing penetrated portions. Furthermore, it is a designing matter that a person skilled in the art could have adequately done to determine what a mean grain size is. So, it is a technical matter obvious to a person skilled in the art that a resist material, which is used for enabling a plating catalyst to adhere selectively, can be exfoliated before plating.</p> <p>Claims 6-9</p> <p>The subject matters of claims 6-9 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1, 2, 3 and 4.</p> <p>In addition to the matters above-mentioned, a person skilled in the art could have easily applied the above technical matters presented in document 4 to the method for producing a porous molding</p>			

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Claims 12 and 13

The subject matters of claims 12 and 13 do not appear to be novel or to involve an inventive step, since they are described in document 1.