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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.	<p>With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the international application in the language in which it was filed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).</p>
2.	<p>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:</p> <p>a. type of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> table(s) related to the sequence listing</p> <p>b. format of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> on paper</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in electronic form</p> <p>c. time of filing/furnishing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application as filed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in electronic form</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search</p>
3.	<p><input type="checkbox"/> In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.</p>
4.	<p>Additional comments:</p>

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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>4</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-3, 5</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u></u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
1. Reference is made to the following documents:			
D1: US 2004/016626 A1 (HELGERSON DAVID E ET AL.)			
29 January 2004 (2004-01-29)			
Novelty			
2. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1			
2.1 The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2). Document D1 discloses (the references between parentheses relate to said document):			
A roller conveyor (10) for transporting load-bearing goods supports (page 4, paragraph 61), having			
a) two parallel roller strips (12, 54);			
b) a plurality of driven roller pairs (58, 56 or 58, 58), in each case the one roller of the roller pair being mounted in a rotatable manner on the one roller strip and other roller of the roller pair			

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being mounted on the other roller strip;
c) a drive arrangement (40, 50, 52), by means of which at least one roller (58) of each driven roller pair can be made to rotate, wherein
d) the drive arrangement comprises a multiplicity of individual drive motors (40, 50, 52), of which at least one is assigned in each case to a driven roller pair (58, 56) such that the number of individual drive motors is at least equal to the number of driven roller pairs (page 2, paragraph 37, line 11 to line 17 and page 3, paragraph 53, lines 17 to 23).

3. DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-5

3.1 Claims 2-5 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.