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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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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

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.
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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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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
 - a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
2. This opinion has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43bis.1(a))
3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 - a sequence listing
 - table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
 - on paper
 - in electronic form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
 - contained in the international application as filed.
 - filed together with the international application in electronic form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
4. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table 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.
5. 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

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations :

1. Citations

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 6553840 B2

D2: US 7088095 B1

D3: US 5475304 A

D4: US 5936400 A

D1 relates to a linear displacement sensor which has a capacitive transducer having a flexible diaphragm disposed in a housing which also slidingly mounts a plunger movable toward and away from the diaphragm.

D2 relates to a magnetic linear displacement sensor which includes a Hall transducer element having a sensor plate surface and at least one magnet.

D3 relates to a giant magnetoresistant displacement sensor which includes at least one layered structure.

D4 relates to a displacement sensor employing a magnetoresistive effect laminate structure consisting of a bottom ferromagnetic layer, a middle non-magnetic layer, and a top softer magnetic layer.

2. Novelty and Inventive Step

Independent claim 1 of the present application relates to a linear displacement sensor comprising: four spaced apart magnets arranged symmetrically positioned to form four corners of a rectangle, which rectangle defines two diagonals, which meet to define a center point, and an axis of symmetry passing through the center point and bisecting angles defined by the diagonals, each magnet having portions facing the axis of symmetry; each magnet having a pole facing the axis of symmetry, wherein magnets lying on the same diagonal have identical poles facing the axis of symmetry, and magnets symmetrically positioned with respect to the axis of symmetry have opposed poles; and a magnetic field strength sensor arranged for relative movement substantially along the axis of symmetry with respect to the four magnets.

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Supplemental Box

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Box No. V.

None of the documents disclose the following features of claim 1 of the present application: the magnetic field strength sensor arranged for relative movement substantially along the axis of symmetry with respect to the four magnets; and the each magnet having a pole facing the axis of symmetry, wherein magnets lying on the same diagonal have identical poles facing the axis of symmetry, and magnets symmetrically positioned with respect to the axis of symmetry have opposed poles. Accordingly, claim 1 is not anticipated by the prior art, nor obvious to a person skilled in the art. Therefore, claim 1 is considered to be novel and to involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(2) and (3).

Claims 2-7 are dependent on claim 1, and consequently they are also considered to be novel and to involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(2) and (3).

3. Industrial Applicability

The inventions claimed in claims 1-7 can be made and used in the industry concerned. Therefore, said claims meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(4).