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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY**

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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- Box No. I Basis of the report
- 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 Article 35(2) 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 the report
1.	<p>With regard to the <b>language</b>, this report is based on:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the international application in the language in which it was filed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))</p> <p>2. With regard to the <b>elements</b> of the international application, this report is based on (<i>replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report</i>):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the international application as originally filed/furnished</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the description:</p> <p>pages <u>1-12</u> _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p>pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the claims:</p> <p>nos. <u>2-4</u> _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19</p> <p>nos.* <u>1</u> _____ received by this Authority on <u>08.09.2009</u></p> <p>nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the drawings:</p> <p>sheets <u>figures 1-6</u> _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p>sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.</p>
3.	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the description, pages _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the claims, nos. _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the drawings, sheets/figs _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any table(s) related to sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p>
4.	<p><input type="checkbox"/> This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the description, pages _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the claims, nos. _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the drawings, sheets/figs _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any table(s) related to sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p>
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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-4</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	_____	YES
	Claims	<u>1-4</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-4</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
Document 1:	JP 60-82818 A (Mitsubishi Cable Industries, Ltd.), 11 May 1985; entire text all drawings		
Document 2:	JP 63-279120 A (Kamacho Scale Co., Ltd.), 16 November 1988 entire text all drawings		
Document 3:	JP 3-248024 A (Yamato Scale Co., Ltd.), 6 November 1991 entire text all drawings		
	<p>The inventions set forth in claim 1-4 do not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1-3 cited in the international search report.</p> <p>Although documents 1-3 do not mention the relationship of the unstable time and the target weighing time at each stage, a person skilled in the art could easily make the value for unstable time at each stage, the lower limit value for the target weighing time at each stage.</p> <p>As regards the invention set forth in claim 4, performing correction in accordance with the difference between actual weighing time and the target weighing time is an option available to a person skilled in the art.</p>		

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