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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
	<p>1. 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"/> 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)).</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> 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))</p> <p>3. 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> <p>4. <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> <p>5. 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	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 5px;">Novelty (N)</td> <td style="width: 10%; padding: 5px;">Claims</td> <td style="width: 60%; padding: 5px;">4-9, 12-26, 35-38</td> <td style="width: 10%; padding: 5px;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Claims</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">1-3, 10, 11, 27-34</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Inventive step (IS)</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Claims</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">4-9, 12-26, 35-38</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Claims</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">1-3, 10, 11, 27-34</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Industrial applicability (IA)</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Claims</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">1-38</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Claims</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">_____</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">NO</td> </tr> </table>	Novelty (N)	Claims	4-9, 12-26, 35-38	YES		Claims	1-3, 10, 11, 27-34	NO	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	4-9, 12-26, 35-38	YES		Claims	1-3, 10, 11, 27-34	NO	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-38	YES		Claims	_____	NO
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2. Citations and explanations:	<p>Document 1: JP 2001-207070 A (Sekisui Chemical Co., Ltd.), 31 July 2001, claims; paragraphs [0007]-[0013], [0030]; examples</p> <p>Document 2: JP 64-29450 A (Dainippon Ink and Chemicals, Inc.), 31 January 1989, claims; page 6, upper right column, lines 4-7; page 7, upper right column, lines 5-8, examples</p> <p>Document 3: JP 62-169861 A (PPG Industries Inc.), 27 July 1987, claims, page 21, upper right column, line 18 to lower right column, line 3</p> <p>Document 4: JP 4-100865 A (Colcoat Engineering Kabushiki Kaisha), 02 April 1992, claims; page 4, upper right column, line 14 to lower left column, line 3; page 4, lower right column, line 15 to page 6, upper right column, line 6; page 7, upper left column, line 17 to upper right column, line 5</p> <p>Because the invention as in claims 1-3, 10, 11 and 27-32 is disclosed in documents 1-3 cited in the ISR, it is not novel and does not involve an inventive step. As disclosed in documents 1-3, in a hardening system having</p>																								

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a polymer having a hydrolysable silyl group, a compound having a fluorine ion acting as a hardening accelerator is well known.

Because the invention as in claims 33 and 34 is disclosed in documents 1 and 2, it is not novel and does not involve an inventive step. Documents 1 and 2 disclose that the hardening composition is suited for adhesives and sealing materials.

Because the invention as in claims 1-3, 10, 11 and 27-32 is disclosed in document 4 cited in the ISR, it is not novel and does not involve an inventive step. Document 4 discloses a hardening composition polymer comprising a hydrolysable silyl group and a fluoride, and no difference is found from the invention as in claims 1-3, 10, 11 and 27-32 in its constitution as a composition.

The invention as in claims 4-9, 12-26 and 35-38 is not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the ISR and would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art.