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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 and 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 the 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))
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 - in electronic form
 - b. (time)
 - in the international application as filed
 - together with the international application in electronic form
 - subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search
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5. Additional comments:

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)	Yes: Claims	<u>2, 3</u>
	No: Claims	<u>1, 4</u>
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	<u>1-4</u>
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	<u>1-4</u>
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

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Re Item V

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1 GB 1 535 265 A (DOW CORNING) 13 December 1978 (1978-12-13)
- D2 EP 0 108 369 A2 (DOW CORNING [US]) 16 May 1984 (1984-05-16)
- D3 EP 0 805 185 A2 (DOW CORNING [US]) 5 November 1997 (1997-11-05)
- D4 GB 2 086 922 A (WACKER CHEMIE GMBH) 19 May 1982 (1982-05-19)

D1 is concerned with hydraulic fluids consisting of polydiorganosiloxanes (89.5-94.75 wt%, component A1), 5-10 wt% chlorendates (component B) and 0.25 to 0.5 wt% of antimony or lead dithiocarbamates or phosphorodithioates (claim 1). The examples disclose a trimethylsilyl endblocked polydimethylsiloxane having a viscosity of $0.5 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ (50 cSt) at 25°C which falls within the scope of component (A1) of the present invention. The compositions disclosed in examples 1, 2, 7 and 8 fall within the scope of the claims of the present invention. The performance of said compositions is tested in a wear scar tests summarized in examples 5 and 6.

Claims 1 and 4 are not novel over D1 (Art. 33 (2) PCT).

D2 discloses hydraulic fluids comprising a polydiorganosiloxane having a viscosity from about $1.00 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ to $1.00 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$, a chlorendated diester and antimony or lead dithiocarbamates or phosphorodithioates (claim 1). The "parts by weight" disclosed in the examples have to be normed to 100 parts by weight without the copolymer. The recalculated values fall within the range of the present application.

Claims 1 and 4 are not novel over D2 (Art. 33 (2) PCT).

D1 and D2 are silent on polydiorganosiloxane mixtures comprising aryl substituted derivatives.

Therefore, claims 2 and 3 are novel (Art. 33 (2) PCT).

Starting with any of D1 and D2 the problem to be solved is to provide alternative hydraulic fluids.

Hydraulic fluids comprising aryl (phenyl) substituted polysiloxane are known in the art (D4: claim 1). D3 also discloses such fluids in combination with chlorendated diesters (p. 3, l. 15-56).

Therefore, in the light of D3 and D4 the subject-matter of claims 2 and 3 is obvious and said claim lack inventive step over the combination of any of D1 and D2 with any of D3 and D4 (Art. 56 EPC).

Re Item VII

Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1 (a) (ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the applicant's own D1 and D2 is not mentioned in the description, nor are those documents identified therein. The specification does not appreciate a single prior art document.

Re Item VIII

The application lacks clarity under Art. 6 PCT for the following reasons:

- 1 Claim 3 as drafted is unclear. The claims should be drafted as follows: The composition of claims 1 or 2 comprising 30 to 40 parts of component (A1) (...), 50 to 60 parts of component (A2) (...) and R is methyl (...).
- 2 Claim 3 specifies a substituent R'" which is not disclosed in the previous claims.
- 3 The features "in a process" and "the improvement which comprises" of claim 4 is unclear.