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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

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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)).
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 - in electronic form
 - b. (time)
 - in the international application as filed
 - together with the international application in electronic form
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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		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	5	YES
	Claims	1-4, 6, 7	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>Document 1: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 191772/1986 (Laid-open No. 097928/1988) (HITACHI DENSHI, LTD.) 24 June 1988, pages 4 and 5; fig. 1 (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 2: JP 63-031318 A (NIHONATSU DENKI CO., LTD.) 10 February 1988, page 2, lower right column to page 3, upper right column; fig. 1 (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 3: JP 2003-218732 A (HITACHI KOKUSAI ELECTRIC INC.) 31 July 2003, paragraphs [0004] and [0005]; fig. 7 (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 4: JP 2-101825 A (NEC CORP.) 13 April 1990, page 2, lower left column; fig. 3 (Family: none)</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">The invention as in claims 1 and 2 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 or 2 cited in the</p>			

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ISR.

The "mixer circuit (11)" and "mixer circuit (11)" and the "rectifying circuit (10)" and "wave detection circuit (10)" disclosed in documents 1 and 2 respectively correspond to the "frequency shifting unit" and "determination unit" in the invention of the present application. A person skilled in the art could easily configure a device by providing an LPF instead of the "BPF8" or "BPF9" disclosed in documents 1 and 2.

The invention as in claim 3 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1-3 cited in the ISR.

The invention disclosed in document 1 detects whether or not a tone signal passes through LPF10 and BPF8, so it could be said that the frequency is detected on the basis of filter output, and whether or not the detected frequency is within a predetermined frequency range is determined. Also, the tone signal is converted to DC voltage by a rectifying circuit, and a switch circuit (5) is controlled thereby, so it could be said that the power outputted by the filter is detected and whether or not the detected power is equal to or greater than a predetermined power is determined.

Document 2 discloses the same matters.

Therefore, a person skilled in the art could easily conceive of the invention as in claim 3 on the basis of the inventions disclosed in document 1 or 2.

Also, document 3 discloses determining that a tone squelch signal is present when the detected frequency is a predetermined frequency. In addition to detecting the power outputted by a filter and determining whether or not the detected power is equal to or greater than a predetermined

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value, as in the inventions disclosed in documents 1 and 2, a person skilled in the art could easily conceive of using the feature of the invention disclosed in document 3, i.e., determining that a tone squelch signal is present when the detected frequency is a predetermined frequency.

The invention as in claim 4 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1-4 cited in the ISR. Document 4 discloses allowing an audio signal to pass when a specific signal is detected, and interrupting the audio signal upon detecting that a received electric field has vanished.

On the basis of the inventions disclosed in documents 1-4, a person skilled in the art could easily conceive of configuring matters so that in reception standby status, it is determined that a tone squelch signal is present when the frequency detected by a frequency detection unit continues, for a first predetermined time, to be within a predetermined frequency range, and in reception status, it is determined that a tone squelch signal is not present when the power detected by a power detection unit continues, for a second predetermined time, to be equal to or less than a predetermined power value.

The invention as in claims 6 and 7 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1-4 cited in the ISR.

What sort of frequency to set as the passband for filter is a matter that should be designed as appropriate by a person skilled in the art.

The invention as in claim 5 involves an inventive step in relation to the documents cited in the ISR.

Documents 1-4 do not disclose or suggest shifting to a

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first reception status and then shifting to a second reception status after the passage of a third predetermined time.