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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

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 - 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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| 1. Statement | | | |
| Novelty (N) | Claims | 2-6 | YES |
| | Claims | 1 | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | 2, 3, 5, 6 | YES |
| | Claims | 4 | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1-6 | YES |
| | Claims | _____ | NO |

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| 2. Citations and explanations: | |
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D1: Baibikov A. "Tekhnologii: energiya oblakov", gazeta Energetika i promyshlennost Rossii, No. 4, 2010, date of information being posted on the website: 21.06.2010, [retrieved 2013-05-28]. Retrieved from the Internet: <http://www.ingelec.ru/about/news/detail.php?ID=319>)

D2: RU 2250513 C1

D3: RU 94039446 A1

D4: RU 2398937 C1

D5: RU 2074610 C1

D6: CN 202417796 U

D1 discloses a hydropower station comprising a head water and a tail water, a water conduit and a turbo generator, wherein said station is provided with woven surfaces (in the known solution, these are identified as a surface of a cone-shaped receiver tank made from industrial aero fabric) (section entitled "Pilotnaya ustanovka" ["Pilot unit"]) (there may be several) (section entitled "Voda na

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aerotkani" ["Water on aero fabric"]), said woven surfaces being designed so as to be capable of receiving atmospheric moisture (in the known solution, on the fabric of the receiver tank at a suitable incline of the walls) (section entitled "Voda na aerotkani" ["Water on aero fabric"]) and delivering said moisture to the head water (in the known solution: the apex of the cone, to which apex a tube made from aero fabric is attached) (section entitled "Pilotnaya ustanovka" ["Pilot unit"]).

D1 discloses the full combination of features of the invention according to claim 1, including the variant with woven surfaces, which makes it possible to conclude that this design variant of the invention according to claim 1 does not satisfy the criterion of novelty.

In relation to the other variants listed in claim 1, it is noted that it is known from D2 to provide mesh surfaces for reducing the wind load on a structure, and that it is known from D3 to use mesh surfaces for condensing moisture. It is known from D4 to use film surfaces for condensing atmospheric moisture thereon.

It is known from D5 to provide surfaces (in the known solution: screen 6) with a drainage system for collecting atmospheric moisture, designed in the form of conduits (reference signs 17 and 18) and piped channels (reference sign 19) which transfer the collected water to the head water (in the known solution: a water tank). It is obvious to a person skilled in the art to position the head water (water tank) close to the surfaces.

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Therefore, dependent claim 4 does not satisfy the criterion of inventive step.

The prior art shows that the technical solutions presented in dependent claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 are neither known nor obvious from said prior art as a means of improving operating features, and as a result, the invention according to these claims satisfies the criterion of inventive step.

The invention satisfies the criterion of industrial applicability.