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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC  
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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

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 43*bis*.1(a))
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    - on paper
    - 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:

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<b>Box No. V</b>	<b>Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</b>
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1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	3-5, 6-8, 11	YES
	Claims	1-2, 9-10, 12	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	_____	YES
	Claims	1-12	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:	
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Document 1: JP 2-265852 A (CHUGAI RO CO., LTD.) 30 October 1990, page 2, upper right column, line 14 to lower right column, line 20, fig. 1, 2, 4 (Family: none)

Document 2: JP 2010-132531 A (NIPPON ELECTRIC GLASS CO., LTD.) 17 June 2010, paragraphs [0082], [0083], fig. 12, 13 & US 2011/0177325 A1 & WO 2010/038758 A1 & EP 2336050 A1 & TW 201022163 A & KR 10-2011-0081056 A & CN 103754505 A

The invention as in claims 1-2 lacks novelty and does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 describes a method for conveying a workpiece (film) while free rollers (guide rolls 1) support the workpiece, wherein the free rollers are rotated by supplying compressed air thereto from an air supply port 7.

Moreover, according to document 1 (page 2, lower right column, lines 4-20), it is obvious that the

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compressed air is constantly supplied to the free rollers while the free rollers are rotating.

The invention as in claims 3-5 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 cited in the ISR.

Claims 3-4

Document 1 (page 2, lower right column, lines 4-20) describes a feature wherein the supplied amount of compressed air and the rotation speed of the free rollers are controlled according to the frictional force to the workpiece, whereby the tension of the workpiece is kept constant.

It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to supply compressed air with consideration of the frictional force to the workpiece at the start of the conveyance. Moreover, it would also be easy for a person skilled in the art to increase the amount of compressed air supplied at the start of the conveyance in order to respond to the variation of frictional force to the workpiece between the start of conveyance and after the start of conveyance.

Claim 5

Document 1 describes a feature wherein the compressed air is supplied as fluid.

The invention as in claims 6-8 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1, and document 2 cited in the ISR.

Document 2 describes a conveyance method employing a roll-to-roll system, wherein a glass film 2 is rolled up

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to form a glass roll 1 at one end of a sequence of conveying rollers, and the glass film 2 is drawn out of the glass roll 1 and carried by the conveying rollers to be rolled up at the other end of the sequence of conveying rollers.

The invention described in document 1 and the invention described in document 2 have a common feature of conveying a film by means of rollers. Therefore, it would be easy for a person skilled in the art to use the glass film 2 drawn out of the glass roll 1 described in document 2 as the film described in document 1.

The invention as in claims 9-10 and 12 lacks novelty and does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1.

Document 1 describes a feature wherein impellers 5 are provided for receiving compressed air.

Moreover, it is obvious that the impellers 5 described in document 1 form protruding portions that protrude with respect to a shaft 4.

The invention as in claim 11 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1.

A person skilled in the art could design, as appropriate, the impellers 5 to form recessed portions as an alternative to the protruding portions for receiving compressed air efficiently.