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DBAPPAREL OPERATIONS

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
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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 43bis.1(a))
3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, this opinion has been established on the basis of a sequence listing:
 - a. forming part of the international application as filed:
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 - on paper or in the form of an image file.
 - b. furnished together with the international application under PCT Rule 13ter.1(a) for the purposes of international search only in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file.
 - c. furnished subsequent to the international filing date for the purposes of international search only:
 - in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file (Rule 13ter.1(a)).
 - on paper or in the form of an image file (Rule 13ter.1(b) and Administrative Instructions, Section 713).
4. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that forming part of the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
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	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>1. Reference is made to the following document:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">D1: WO 2007/031650 A1 (DBA LUX 1 SARL [LU]; WATRIN FRANCIS [FR]; TURLAN MANON [FR]; LOGRE NAD) 22 March 2007 (2007-03-22)</p> <p>2. CLAIM 1</p> <p>2.1 D1, which is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1, discloses:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a method for producing an undergarment (10) having two superimposed textiles (20, 30), comprising the deposition, on certain portions, of reinforcements having a thick layer (31) of elastic material with shape memory, the polymerization of said material as well as the shaping of the textiles of the undergarment by thermoforming, and which also comprises a step of depositing, over the entire</p>			

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surface (page 6, line 31) of at least one of the textiles, a fine layer (21) of an elastic bonding material (page 8, line 8), and then a step of polymerization of said fine bonding layer during the shaping thermoforming.

2.2 Consequently, the subject matter of claim 1 differs from this known method in that it comprises a preliminary step of depositing, on the textile receiving the reinforcement layer, a barrier layer of elastic material, which is polymerized before said reinforcement is deposited. It is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

2.3 The problem to be solved by the present invention can be considered to be that of preventing the reinforcement layer from running during handling preceding the polymerization thereof.

2.4 The solution to this problem, as proposed in claim 1 of the present application, is considered to involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons: D1 does not mention the problem to be solved and does not provide any indication enabling a person skilled in the art to solve it.

2.5 The above reasoning applies, *mutatis mutandis*, to claim 6, which is therefore also novel and inventive.

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3. Claims 2-5 and 7-11 are dependent on one or more independent claims, the subject matter of which is considered to be novel and inventive, as indicated above, and, as such, therefore likewise meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and inventive step.

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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:

4. The description is not consistent with the claims, as required by PCT Rule 5.1(a)(iii): see in particular pages 2, 3 and 7, which suggest that the feature of "a barrier layer of elastic material, which is polymerized before deposition of the reinforcement" is optional, which contradicts claims 1 and 6.