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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 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 filed or furnished:
 - a. (means)
 - 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
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 in 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 | | |
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| 1. Statement | | | |
| Novelty (N) | Claims | <u>1-5</u> | YES |
| | Claims | _____ | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | <u>1-5</u> | YES |
| | Claims | _____ | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | <u>1-5</u> | YES |
| | Claims | _____ | NO |
| 2. Citations and explanations: | | | |
| <p>Document 1: JP 2008-61093 A (FUJITSU LTD.) 13 March 2008, paragraphs [0023], [0045]-[0048], fig. 1 & US 2008/0056721 A1, paragraphs [0052], [0080]-[0083], fig. 1</p> <p>Document 2: JP 2005-33537 A (HITACHI COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD.) 03 February 2005, paragraphs [0020], [0025], fig. 1</p> <p>Claims 1-5:</p> <p>The invention as in claims 1-5 is novel and involves an inventive step in relation to documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.</p> <p>Document 1 discloses:</p> <p>a feature in which an OLT (3) is provided with a bit synchronization processing part (381) for a bit rate A1, a bit synchronization processing part (382) for a bit rate A2, and a selector (37) having <u>one input</u> and two outputs (paragraphs [0045]-[0048], fig. 1); and</p> <p>a feature in which the bit rate A1 is 1.25 Gb/s and the bit rate A2 is 10.3125 Gb/s (paragraph [0023]).</p> | | | |

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

Document 2 discloses:

a feature in which B1 Mbit/s bursts and B2 Mbit/s bursts are present in a mixed manner in data received by a station apparatus (1) (paragraph [0025]); and

a feature in which the station apparatus (1) is provided with a switching unit (11) having M inputs and I outputs, between M subscriber line interfaces (10-1, ..., and 10-M) and I intrastation/interstation interfaces (12-1, ..., and 12-I) (paragraph [0020], fig. 1).

However, none of the documents cited in the ISR disclose or suggest

the feature of having a path switching device which includes first and second input terminals and first and second output terminals, and which defines the signal path between the first and/or second input terminals and the first and/or second output terminals so as to route the inputted data signal to the first and/or the second reception units.

In addition, the feature of being provided with the path switching device would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art.