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| International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237 | | | |
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If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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| Box No. I | Basis of this opinion |
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| | <p>1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the international application in the language in which it was filed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 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)).</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> 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<i>bis</i>.1(a))</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> 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:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> forming part of the international application as filed:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> on paper or in the form of an image file.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> furnished together with the international application under PCT Rule 13<i>ter</i>.1(a) for the purposes of international search only in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequent to the international filing date for the purposes of international search only:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file (Rule 13<i>ter</i>.1(a)).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> on paper or in the form of an image file (Rule 13<i>ter</i>.1(b) and Administrative Instructions, Section 713).</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p>5. Additional comments:</p> |

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| 1. Statement | | | |
| Novelty (N) | Claims | 1-13 | YES |
| | Claims | _____ | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | 1-13 | YES |
| | Claims | _____ | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1-13 | YES |
| | Claims | _____ | NO |

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| 2. Citations and explanations: | |
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Document 1: JP 2003-129085 A (LION CORP.) 08 May 2003
(Family: none)

Document 2: JP 63-161082 A (LION CORP.) 04 July 1988
(Family: none)

Document 3: JP 60-135498 A (LION CORP.) 18 July 1985
(Family: none)

The invention as in claims 1-13 is not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the ISR, and would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Documents 1-3 do not disclose "... a powder detergent composition for clothing, which contains a component (a) at 10 mass% to 40 mass%, a component (b) at 0.3 mass% to 6 mass% as calculated for the anhydride, a component (c) at 30 mass% to 80 mass% and a component (d) and component (e), in which the mass ratio of the (e) component and the (b) component, (e) component/(b) component, is 0-0.5, wherein a dispersion obtained by dispersing 1 g of the powder detergent composition for clothing in 250 g water has a pH of 5.5-8 at 20°C".

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Meanwhile, as a result of this feature, the present invention produces the advantageous effects of having excellent solubility in water, high cleaning power on oil stains resulting from food, little sliminess during hand-washing and rinsing, little sensation of the powder detergent composition for clothing remaining during hand-washing and rinsing, and the ability to provide a pleasant feeling to the hands during hand-washing work.

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