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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**

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

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:
 - in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file.
 - 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, 2	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1, 2	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1, 2	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

D01: US 2062590 A (LUNDQUIST ROY W), 1 December 1936

Document D01 describes a method for producing a laminated product with decorative patterns or designs for use in furniture and similar, which comprises the following steps:

- Arranging sheets (10) of wood or another material and applying adhesive to one of the sides thereof.
- Arranging sheets (11) (different from the sheets (10)) and gluing same on the sheets (10).
- Arranging sheets (12) (different from sheets (10) and (11)) and gluing same on each pair of glued sheets (10-11).
- Stacking all said sheets and forming a primary block.
- Cutting the block into slices using planar or oblique cuts, thus obtaining secondary sheets.
- Forming a secondary block with the secondary sheets.
- Cutting the secondary block into slices, thus obtaining the final product.

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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

The subject matter of claim 1 of the application is very similar to the method of D01, differing from D01 in that it specifies the following:

- A pressure of 20-25 kg per square centimetre is applied for 10 minutes.
- Layers of metallic material are included.

The pressure and time are considered to be a normal and general choice and therefore within the scope of a person skilled in the art.

Document D01 indicates that the sheets can be wood or another material (first column, line 45; second column, line 6).

Taking into consideration the idea in D01 of using other materials apart from wood, a person skilled in the art could choose metal as the material of some of the sheets, since metal along with plastic are materials that commonly appear in sheet form in the industry.

In view of the above, claim 1 does not satisfy the requirement of inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).

As the method does not involve an inventive step, the product obtained by the method does not either.

Consequently, claim 2 does not meet the requirement of inventive step.