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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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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 and 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.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.
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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*. I(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 13*ter*. I(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 13*ter*. I(a)).
 - on paper or in the form of an image file (Rule 13*ter*. I(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	<u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 2013-0161027 A1 (HALLIBURTON ENERGY SERVICES, INC.) 27 June 2013

D2: US 2014-0209323 A1 (SCHLUMBERGER TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION) 31 July 2014

D3: US 2015-0041218 A1 (TOLER, JR., JIMMY EDWARD) 12 February 2015

D4: US 2011-0232898 A1 (PENDLETON et al.) 29 September 2011

D5: US 2011-0232897 A1 (ZWEIFEL, THOMAS J.) 29 September 2011

1. Novelty and Inventive Step

1.1 Independent Claim 1

The subject matter of claim 1 differs from prior art documents D1-D5 in that a system comprises a low-load ramped surface of a first protrusion having a shallow angle and a low-load ramped surface of a second protrusion having a steep angle that is larger than the shallow angle. And it is not obvious to a person skilled in the art by the documents, taken alone or in combination. Therefore, claim 1 meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3) with respect to novelty and inventive step.

1.2 Dependent Claims 2-6

Claims 2-6 are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1 and therefore meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).

1.3 Independent Claim 7

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The subject matter of claim 7 differs from prior art documents D1-D5 in that a collet comprises a low-load ramped surface of a first protrusion having a shallow angle and a low-load ramped surface of a second protrusion having a steep angle that is larger than the shallow angle. And it is not obvious to a person skilled in the art by the documents, taken alone or in combination. Therefore, claim 7 meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3) with respect to novelty and inventive step.

1.4 Dependent Claims 8-14

Claims 8-14 are dependent on claim 7 and therefore meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).

1.5 Independent Claim 15

The subject matter of claim 15 differs from prior art documents D1-D5 in that a method of actuating a downhole tool comprises providing a low-load ramped surface of a first protrusion having a shallow angle and a low-load ramped surface of a second protrusion having a steep angle that is larger than the shallow angle. And it is not obvious to a person skilled in the art by the documents, taken alone or in combination. Therefore, claim 15 meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3) with respect to novelty and inventive step.

1.6 Dependent Claims 16-20

Claims 16-20 are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 15 and therefore meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).

2. Industrial Applicability

Claims 1-20 are industrially applicable under PCT Article 33(4).