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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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Name and mailing address of the ISA/JP	Date of completion of this opinion	Authorized officer
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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
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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))
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 - on paper or in the form of an image file.
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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)		<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%; padding: 2px;">Claims</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1-4, 6-10</td> <td style="width: 10%; padding: 2px;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Claims</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">5</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">NO</td> </tr> </table>	Claims	1-4, 6-10	YES	Claims	5	NO	
Claims	1-4, 6-10	YES							
Claims	5	NO							
Inventive step (IS)		<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%; padding: 2px;">Claims</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1-4, 7</td> <td style="width: 10%; padding: 2px;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Claims</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">5-6, 8-10</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">NO</td> </tr> </table>	Claims	1-4, 7	YES	Claims	5-6, 8-10	NO	
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Industrial applicability (IA)		<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%; padding: 2px;">Claims</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1-10</td> <td style="width: 10%; padding: 2px;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Claims</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"></td> <td style="padding: 2px;">NO</td> </tr> </table>	Claims	1-10	YES	Claims		NO	
Claims	1-10	YES							
Claims		NO							

2. Citations and explanations:	
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Document 1: JP 2015-528852 A (GRANGES SWEDEN AB) 01 October 2015, claims, paragraphs [0002], [0026]-[0047] & US 2015/0165564 A1, claims, paragraphs [0002], [0025]-[0071] & WO 2013/180630 A1 & CN 104395028 A & RU 2014153559 A

Document 2: JP 2007-152422 A (FURUKAWA-SKY ALUMINUM CORP.) 21 June 2007, claims, paragraphs [0020]-[0022] & EP 1795294 A1, claims, paragraphs [0038]-[0043] & CN 1982047 A & KR 10-2007-0061413 A

Document 3: JP 10-53828 A (DENSO CORPORATION) 24 February 1998 & US 6129143 A & EP 0823305 A2

The invention as in claim 5 is disclosed in document 1 cited in the ISR, and thus lacks novelty.

The aluminum alloy brazing sheet set forth in claim 5 is disclosed in chart 2 of document 1 (examples 6, 7). For the composition of examples 6 and 7, see chart 1.

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The invention as in claims 6 and 8 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 (paragraphs [0034] and [0035]) indicates that the alloy of an intermediate layer may contain 1.0% or less of Si and 6% or less of Zn; accordingly, a person skilled in the art could easily have conceived of configuring the invention disclosed in document 1 so as to include such components in the alloy of an intermediate layer.

The invention as in claims 9-10 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 (claim 11) indicates that the side opposite a core may be covered with a sacrificing layer.

Document 1 does not specify the composition of a sacrificing layer; however, a sacrificing layer having a composition set forth in claims 9-10 is, as disclosed in document 2, a feature known to persons skilled in art, and a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived of adopting such a composition.

The invention as in claims 1-4 and 7 is not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the ISR and is novel. Furthermore, the invention as in claims 1-4 and 7 involves an inventive step in relation to the documents cited in the ISR.

In particular, with respect to the invention of document 1, no motivation can be found for adopting a brazing material having the composition set forth in claim 1 or making the composition of the intermediate

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layer the composition of claim 7.