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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

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Box No. I Basis of the 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:
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 - in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file (Rule 13ter.1(a)).
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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:

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)	Yes: Claims	<u>1-20</u>
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	<u>1-20</u>
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	<u>1-20</u>
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

Reference is made to the following document:

D1 US 6 530 065 B1 (MCDONALD DUNCAN R [US] ET AL) 4 March 2003
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section VIII

- 1 In present claims 1, 10 and 19, it is not clear, Article 6 PCT, what is meant by the expressions "client characteristic", "data delivery rules", "origination information", "source of the data request", or the technical features meant by such expressions.
- 1.1 In addition, claims 1 and 10 are apparently directed to testing a configuration but they do not comprise any feature which would perform a testing; additionally, it is not clear what is meant by the word "configuration".
- 1.2 In this sense, the present claims are directed to providing a report based on a response to a generated data request, which is done according to a client characteristic.

section V

- 2 Notwithstanding the above-indicated objection and as far as it can be understood from the wording of the claims, D1 already discloses the main features of claim 1 (refer to point 1.2 above), see in particular claim 27, column 29, lines 34 to 53.
- 2.1 In addition, D1 also discloses a method performing tests on circuits according to a certain topology, see e.g. column 5, lines 34 to 50.
- 2.2 The only apparently distinguishing feature between present claim 1 and the disclosure of D1 seems to be that the method is performed by a first server device requesting a response from a second service device. However, this seems to be a simple modification of the basic principle of D1, lying within the general design competence of a person skilled in the art, see e.g. figure 1B.
- 2.3 In addition, these arguments are also valid for independent Claim 10, which contains the same combination of features as claim 1 in terms of an apparatus claim, i.e. the apparatus (system) for carrying out the method of claim 1.

- 2.4 The same applies to independent Claim 19 which is directed to a computer readable medium essentially comprising instructions that cause a processor to carry out the method of claim 1.
- 2.5 Therefore, the subject-matter of Claims 1, 10 and 19 does not involve an inventive step, Article 33 (1), (3) PCT.
- 2.6 The additional features of the dependent claims seem to relate to minor design details and/or implementation measures, which are known or directly derivable from document D1 (see passages indicated in the search report) or constitute normal practice of a person skilled in the art. These claims thus, either alone or in combination, do not seem to add anything new or of inventive significance to any of the previously-referred claims.

section VII

- 3 The above-cited document D1 should be acknowledged and briefly discussed in the opening part of the description, Rule 5.1 (a) (ii) PCT, making clear any inventive contribution of the claimed invention over the prior art.
- 4 The independent claims should be drafted in a two-part form, having in their pre-characterizing part all features known from D1 (refer to point 2 above), Rule 6.3 (b) (ii) PCT.
- 5 The opening part of the description should be modified to bring it into agreement with any amended claim, Rule 5.1(a)(iii) PCT, if required.
- 6 The claims should include reference signs relating to the features referred to therein, Rule 6.2 (b) PCT.