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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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- 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

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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:
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 - 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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1. Statement	Novelty (N)	Claims <u>3, 5-7, 9</u>	YES
		Claims <u>1-2, 4, 8</u>	NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
		Claims <u>1-9</u>	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-9</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>Document 1: WO 2016/158129 A1 (HITACHI KOKI CO., LTD.) 06 October 2016, paragraphs [0026]-[0045], fig. 1 (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 2: JP 2008-173712 A (HITACHI KOKI CO., LTD.) 31 July 2008, paragraphs [0018]-[0037], fig. 1-3 & US 2008/0315693 A1, paragraphs [0028]-[0047], fig. 1-3</p> <p>Document 3: JP 2017-1149 A (MAX CO., LTD.) 05 January 2017, paragraphs [0057], [0058], [0068], fig. 1, 4, 6 (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 4: JP 2015-13369 A (HITACHI KOKI CO., LTD.) 22 January 2015, paragraphs [0037]-[0045], fig. 14-16 (Family: none)</p> <p>(1) Claims 1-2 and 4-7</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The invention as in claims 1-2 and 4-7 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Document 1 (see paragraphs [0026]-[0045], fig. 1, etc.) discloses</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">an electric tool provided with</p>			

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a centrifugal fan 7,

a motor housing 50 that houses a brushless motor 1 and has an air intake vent 52 in the backwall surface, and

a handle housing 60 which houses a control board 8 of a switching circuit 21 etc. and has a drive circuit housing section 62 extending to a position overlapping with the centrifugal fan 7 in the direction orthogonal to the rotational axis of the centrifugal fan 7, and to which an exhaust vent 63 is formed, wherein

as a result of the rotation of the centrifugal fan 7, cooling air is taken in from the air intake vent 52, passes through the motor housing 50 while cooling the motor 1, is introduced by a fan guide 51 to the drive circuit housing 62, passes through the same while cooling the switching elements etc. mounted on the control board 8, and is discharged to the outside from the exhaust vent 63.

The electric tool disclosed in document 1 differs from the present invention in that a second air intake port is not provided.

However, document 2 (see paragraphs [0018]-[0037], fig. 1-3, etc.) indicates that, in a similar electric tool, an air intake vent is provided to a sidewall surface facing the motor in addition to the backwall surface of the motor housing.

Accordingly, a person skilled in the art could easily conceive of applying the technical feature disclosed in document 2 to the electric tool disclosed in document 1 so as to provide an air intake vent to the sidewall surface in addition to the backwall surface of the motor housing.

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Furthermore, when doing so, a person skilled in the art could easily conceive of providing the air intake vent of the sidewall surface at a position that faces the stator.

(2) Claims 1, 3, and 9

The invention as in claims 1, 3 and 9 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 3 cited in the ISR.

Document 3 (paragraphs [0018]-[0037], fig. 1-3) discloses an electric tool provided inside a housing 30 with a motor 11, a control board 22, and a fan 20 etc., wherein

the motor housing section 35b of the housing is provided with a first air intake port 51 disposed upstream of the motor 11, and a second air intake port 52 disposed near the fan (see, in particular, fig. 4, 6), i.e. downstream of the first air intake port 51 and upstream of the control board 22, and

as a result of the rotation of the fan 20, the air flowing in from the first air intake port 51 cools the motor 11, the air flowing in from the second air intake port 52 cools the control board 22, and air is discharged from the exhaust port 32 and the blow port 50 of the main body housing 35.

The electric tool disclosed in document 3 is unclear on the point of whether the motor is a brushless motor, but in electric tools, adopting a brushless motor that can be made smaller, is such a well-known technique that an example need not be cited.

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(3) Claims 1-2, 4, and 8

The invention as in claims 1-2, 4 and 8 is disclosed in document 4, and thus lacks novelty and does not involve an inventive step.

Document 4 (see paragraphs [0037]-[0045], fig. 14-16, etc.) discloses

a portable electric circular saw provided, inside a housing 2, with a centrifugal fan 7, a brushless motor 1, and a circuit board housing section 65B that houses a circuit board including switching elements Q1-Q6 and extends to a position overlapping with the centrifugal fan 7 in the direction orthogonal to the rotational axis of the centrifugal fan 7, wherein

as a result of the rotation of the centrifugal fan 7, cooling air is introduced from an air intake vent 2b behind the motor 1 to the motor housing section 2a so as to cool the motor 1, and cooling air is introduced from circuit board cooling vents 66, 67 facing the motor to the circuit board housing section 65B so as to cool the circuit board housing section 65B, and the air is discharged from a fan air discharge port 5c.