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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**

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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:
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 - 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.
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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

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: ERICSSON, 'Acquisition of Minimum SI', R2-1700477, 3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 NR Ad Hoc, Spokane, USA, 07 January 2017

D2: SAMSUNG, 'Remaining aspects of Minimum System Information contents', R2-1706830, 3GPP TSG-RAN2 NR Adhoc, Qingdao, China, 16 June 2017

D3: ERICSSON, 'NR-PBCH Content and payload size', R1-1714035, 3GPP TSG RAN WG1 Meeting #90, Prague, Czech Republic, 11 August 2017

D4: ERICSSON, 'Content of the NR Master Information Block (NR-MIB)', R2-1706493, 3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Ad Hoc NR#2, Qingdao, China, 17 June 2017

D5: SAMSUNG, 'Remaining aspects of PBCH and SIB1 contents', R2-1709496, 3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 99 meeting, Berlin, Germany, 11 August 2017

2.1 Novelty and Inventive Step (PCT Article 33(2) and (3))

2.1.1 Independent Claim 1

The subject matter of claim 1 differs from these prior art documents in a user equipment (UE) comprising: a transceiver configured to: receive, from a BS, SystemInformationBlockType1 (SIB1) comprising a first ssb-PositionsInBurst indicating indexes of SS/PBCH blocks for which the UE does not receive other signals or channels in resource elements (REs) that overlap with REs corresponding to the SS/PBCH blocks; and receive, from the BS, a set of higher layer parameters including a second ssb-PositionsInBurst indicating the indexes of the SS/PBCH blocks for which the UE does not receive the other signals or channels in the REs that overlap with the REs corresponding to the SS/PBCH blocks, wherein configuration information included in the second ssb-PositionsInBurst overrides configuration information included in the first

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ssb-PositionsInBurst; and a processor operably connected to the transceiver, the processor configured to determine the first ssb-PositionsInBurst and the second ssb-PositionsInBurst for receiving resource information.

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 (3) with respect to novelty and inventive step.

2.1.2 Dependent Claims 2-7

Since claims 2-7 are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1, the claims are also considered to be novel and to involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(2) and (3).

2.1.3 Independent Claim 8

Claim 8 relates to a base station (BS) for transmitting resource information, and claim 1 relates to a user equipment (UE) for receiving resource information. However, the technical features of two claims are substantially same. Accordingly, the same reasoning as in claim 1 could be applied to claim 8. Therefore, claim 8 meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and (3) with respect to novelty and inventive step.

2.1.4 Dependent Claims 9-13

Since claims 9-13 are dependent on claim 8, the claims are also considered to be novel and to involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(2) and (3).

2.1.5 Independent Claim 14

Claim 14 is an independent claim and relates to a method. Since the features of claim 14 are substantially the same as those of claim 1 except for the category of invention, the same reasoning as in claim 1 applies to claim 14. Therefore, claim 14 meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3) with respect to novelty and inventive step.

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2.1.6 Dependent Claim 15

Since claim 15 is dependent on claim 14, the claim is also considered to be novel and to involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(2) and (3).

2.2 Industrial Applicability (PCT Article 33(4))

Claims 1-15 are industrially applicable under PCT Article 33(4).