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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.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

Name and mailing address of the ISA/	Date of completion of this opinion	Authorized officer

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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:
 - 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 13ter.1(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 13ter.1(a)).
 - on paper or in the form of an image file (Rule 13ter.1(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 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>4-8</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-3, 9, 10</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>4-8</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-3, 9, 10</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations :

See Supplemental Box

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of:

Box V**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1	US 2012/301747 A1 (HAN JUNGYEOP [KR] ET AL) 29 November 2012 (2012-11-29)
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2. The present application fails to comply with the requirements of PCT Article 33(2), since the subject matter of claims 1-3, 9 and 10 does not meet the requirement of novelty.

2.1 Document D1 (US 2012/301747) discloses a system for attaching a busbar, comprising a busbar, an insulation layer at least partially covering said busbar and at least one attachment screw comprising a body and a screw head, the busbar and the insulation layer having an opening for the passage of the screw body, characterized in that the width of the opening in the insulation layer is less than the diameter of the screw head (figure 7c and paragraphs 65 - 66).

Consequently, the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel over document D1.

2.2 The motor vehicle as defined in claim 10 includes the non-novel attachment system of claim 1. Consequently, the subject matter of independent claim 10 is also considered not to be novel over document D1.

2.3 The additional features of claims 2, 3 and 9 are also anticipated by document D1 (figure 7c and paragraphs 65 - 66). Consequently, the subject matter of claims 2, 3 and 9 is not novel over document D1.