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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 43*bis*.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 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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 - 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:

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	
	No: Claims	<u>1-9</u>
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	<u>1-9</u>
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	<u>1-9</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

Re Item V

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

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1 EP 2 995 712 A1 (DONGBU DAEWOO ELECTRONICS CORP [KR]) 16 March 2016 (2016-03-16)
- D2 US 2011/114195 A1 (HAAS CLINT R [US] ET AL) 19 May 2011 (2011-05-19)
- D3 US 3 729 142 A (RANGEL GARZA J ET AL) 24 April 1973 (1973-04-24)

1 Independent claim 1

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

1.1 D1 discloses (see figures 1-3):

A hose connector (100) comprising:
a connector port adapted to receive water at an inlet (310);
an outlet (111) to allow water to leave the connector port;
a filter (200) coupled to the connector port at the inlet (310);
wherein
the filter (200) is adapted to be inserted inside the inlet (310);
the hose connector (100) includes at least one recess (310); and
the filter (200) has a first end and a second end, wherein the filter (200) includes a flange portion (210) towards the first end, such that the flange portion (210) has at least one protrusion (320) adapted to engage the at least one recess (310).

1.2 D2 discloses (see figures 1-3):

A hose connector (1) comprising:
a connector port (86) adapted to receive water at an inlet (40);
an outlet (90) to allow water to leave the connector port;
a filter (26) coupled to the connector port at the inlet (40);
wherein

the filter (26) is adapted to be inserted inside the inlet (40);
the hose connector (1) includes at least one recess (30); and
the filter (26) has a first end and a second end, wherein the filter (26) includes a flange portion (158, 160) towards the first end (see figures 6, 8), such that the flange portion (158, 160) has at least one protrusion (148) adapted to engage the at least one recess (30).

1.3 D3 discloses (see figures 1-10):

A hose connector comprising:

a connector port (8) adapted to receive water at an inlet (lower part of hollow 23);

an outlet (upper part of hollow 23) to allow water to leave the connector port (8);

a filter (4) coupled to the connector port (8) at the inlet;
wherein

the filter (4) is adapted to be inserted inside the inlet;

the hose connector includes at least one recess (6); and

the filter (4) has a first end and a second end, wherein the filter (4) includes a flange portion (2) towards the first end, such that the flange portion (2) has at least one protrusion (3) adapted to engage the at least one recess (6).

2 Dependent claims

Dependent claims 2 to 9 are known from the cited prior art, as it is clearly derivable from the relevant passages cited in the search report for the relevant document(s) to each claim. Consequently, said claims do not appear to contain any additional features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the documents D1 and D2 is not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.