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1. **Basis of the report**

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of:

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c. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box No. II)

3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box No III)

4. With regard to the **title**,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant
 the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

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6. With regard to the **drawings**,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 3C
 as suggested by the applicant
 as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure
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- b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract

Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

FABRICATION OF CORRELATED ELECTRON MATERIAL (CEM) DEVICES

Subject matter disclosed herein relates to fabrication of a correlated electron material (CEM) switch 302. In particular embodiments a method include forming a structure 160, 170, 180 on a first portion of a substrate 262 while maintaining a second portion of the substrate exposed. A sealing layer 285 is deposited over the structure and over at least a portion of the exposed second portion of the substrate 262. A conductive via 365 is formed e.g. by way of a dry etch through the sealing layer 285 to contact an exposed metal layer 250. In embodiments, an etch-stop control layer is utilized to control an etching process prior to formation of metal contacts over the CEM switch and the conductive via.

[Fig. 3C]

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED
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H01L
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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T	WO 2009/114796 A1 (SYMETRIX CORP [US]; PAZ DE ARAUJO CARLOS A [US] ET AL.) 17 September 2009 (2009-09-17) Nickel oxide as a Correlated Electron Material (CEM).; page 32, line 3 - line 5	

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

See patent family annex.

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