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Reference	Application No./Patent No.
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**Communication pursuant to Rule 159 and Rule 58 EPC
 Invitation to remedy deficiencies in the application documents**

The examination as to formal requirements prescribed in Article 90(3) and Rule 57 EPC in conjunction with Rule 11 PCT has revealed that the above identified European patent application contains the following deficiency (deficiencies):

- Deficiency (deficiencies) in application documents filed on entry into the regional phase or indicated as the basis of proceedings before the EPO as designated or elected Office
- Deficiency (deficiencies) in documents filed subsequently before the EPO as designated or elected Office, submitted with letter of
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- ANNEX 1: Application documents (other than drawings)
- ANNEX 2: Drawings

You are requested to remedy the deficiency (deficiencies) within **two months** after notification of this invitation **and**, if applicable, pay the additional fee for a European patent application comprising more than 35 pages (R. 38(2) EPC and Art. 2(1), 1a Rules relating to Fees).

If the specified deficiency (deficiencies) is (are) not remedied in due time, the European patent application will be refused in accordance to Article 90(5) EPC.

If any additional fee (Art. 2(1), 1a RFees) due after having met the formal requirements is not paid within the same period, the application will be deemed to be withdrawn (R. 160(1) EPC).

Without prejudice to Rule 161 EPC, the description, claims and drawings may be amended only to an extent sufficient to remedy the deficiency (deficiencies) specified above.



ANNEX 1

**DEFICIENCIES AS TO THE PRESENTATION OF THE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS
(OTHER THAN DRAWINGS)
(R. 49 EPC, R. 50 EPC / R.11 PCT)**

The European patent application document(s) contain(s) the deficiencies indicated below:

	Description	Claims	Abstract
(a) Some/The sheets are not free from cracks, creases or folds (R. 49(2) EPC / R. 11.2(b) PCT).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(b) The reverse side of some/the sheets has (have) not been left blank (R. 49(2) EPC / R. 11.2(c) PCT).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) The document does not allow electronic and direct reproduction (R. 49(2) EPC / R. 11.2(a) PCT).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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(e) The paper of some/the sheets is not pliable/strong/white/smooth/matt/durable (R. 49(3) EPC / R. 11.3 PCT).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(f) Some/The sheets are not in A4 format (R. 49(3) EPC / R.11.5 PCT).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(g) The document does not commence on a new sheet (R. 49(4) EPC / R. 11.4(a) PCT).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(i) The sheets are not properly numbered; the page numbers must be centered at the top of the sheet but not placed in the top margin (R. 49(6) EPC / R. 11.7 PCT).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(j) Some/The sheets are not typed or printed (R. 49(8) EPC / R. 11.9(a) and (b) PCT).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(k) The typing on some/the sheets is not 1½ spaced (R. 49(8) EPC / R. 11.9(c) PCT).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(l) The characters in the text matter on some/the sheets are smaller than prescribed; the capital letters must be not less than 0.21 cm high (R. 49(8) EPC / R. 11.9(d) PCT).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(m) The text matter on some/the sheets is not in dark, indelible colour (R. 49(8) EPC / R. 11.9(d) PCT).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(n) The document contains drawings (R. 49(9) EPC / R. 11.10(a) PCT).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(o) Some/The sheets contain alterations or too many erasures (R. 49(12) EPC / R. 11.12 PCT).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ANNEX 2
DEFICIENCIES AS TO THE FORM OF THE DRAWINGS
(R. 46 EPC and R. 50 EPC / R. 11 PCT)

The European patent application drawings contain the deficiencies indicated below:

The drawings/Some drawings

- (a) do not have the prescribed minimum margins (top: 2.5 cm; left side: 2.5 cm; right side: 1.5 cm; bottom: 1 cm) (R. 46(1) EPC / 11.6(c) PCT).
- (b) contain frames round the usable/used surface (R. 46(1) EPC / R. 11.6(c) PCT).
- (c) are not executed in black, uniformly thick and well-defined lines and strokes without colourings (R. 46(2)(a) EPC / R. 11.13(a) PCT).
- (d) are not executed in such a way that a photographic reproduction with a linear reduction in size to two-thirds enables all details to be distinguished without difficulty (R. 46(2)(c) EPC / R.11.13(c) PCT).
- (e) contain numbers, letters and/or reference signs which are not simple and clear (brackets, circles or inverted commas shall not be used in association with numbers and letters) (R. 46(2)(d) EPC / R. 11.13(e) PCT).
- (f) contain numbers and/or letters of heights less than 0.32 cm (R. 46(2)(g) EPC / R. 11.13(h) PCT).
- (g) contain letters not belonging to the Latin and/or Greek alphabets (R. 46(2)(g) EPC / R. 11.13(h) PCT).
- (h) contain figures forming a single complete figure on sheets that cannot be assembled without concealing parts of the partial figures (R. 46(2)(h) EPC / R. 11.13(i) PCT).
- (i) contain figures which are not properly arranged (without wasting space; sideways with the top of the figures at the left side of the sheet) and/or clearly separated (R. 46(2)(h) EPC / R. 11.13(j) PCT).
- (j) contain different figures not numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals (R. 46(2)(h) EPC / R. 11.13(k) PCT).
- (k) contain different figures not numbered independently of the numbering of the sheets (R. 46(2)(h) EPC / R. 11.13(k) PCT).
- (l) contain words placed in such a way that, if required, they cannot be replaced by their translation without interfering with any lines of the drawings (R. 46(2)(j) EPC / R.11.11(b) PCT).
- (m) are not free from cracks, creases or folds (R. 49(2) EPC / R. 11.2(b) PCT).
- (n) contain(s) figures (one figure) on the reverse side (R. 49(2) EPC / R. 11.2(c) PCT).
- (o) do not allow electronic and direct reproduction (R. 49(2) EPC / R. 11.2(a) PCT).
- (p) are not filed on pliable/strong/white/smooth/matt/durable paper (R. 49(3) EPC / R. 11.3 PCT).
- (q) are not in A4 format (R. 49(3) EPC / R. 11.5 PCT).
- (r) contain alterations or too many erasures (R. 49(12) EPC / R. 11.12 PCT).
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