Appendix 4 Questionnaire (Group2)

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Office:	EPO	_JPO	USPTO	Examiner:	Date (D.M.Y.):
Title of The Invention:				IPC:	Filing Date (D.M.Y.):
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2 Sources	of search – i	ncluding a	ny classified se	earch system, databases (bot	h commercial and internal), journals, books, and other
source					

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1. Questionnaire (continuation)
3 Search strategies – what areas/sources were searched and in what priority? Including any electronic search strategy employed
including the specific queries used.
4 Citation of the closest prior art – focusing on what would your Office cite to the applicant for each claim. Please include the
determination and explanation to support this determination with respect to novelty and obviousness/inventive step.

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Annex I- Documents considered to be relevant

Category (*1)	Cited documents	Relevant passage/What is taught (*2)	Patent families (*3)	Relevant claim N	Query Number

- (*1) In case of "Y" documents, the combination should also be indicated.
- (*2) It should be indicated in case of "X" or "Y" documents and avoids indication "Entire document."
- (*3) English language document is best, French or German language document is acceptable only if it were no English language document.

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Annex II- Search strategies

Query Number	Tool (DB) (*4)	Search Query

^(*4) Example: F-Term, ECLA, USC, CS, DNA, JOIS, PATOLIS, QUESTEL, DIALOG, STN, The Internet