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**MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITIES  
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PROPOSALS FOR SAMPLE FILLED-IN FORMS TO BE ANNEXED TO THE  
PCT PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION GUIDELINES

*Document prepared by the International Bureau*

1. The Annex to this document contains proposals provided by the United States Patent and Trademark Office for sample filled-in forms to be annexed to the PCT Preliminary Examination Guidelines (document PCT/GL/3). These filled-in forms are an "Invitation to restrict or pay additional fees" in a case of lack of unity of invention, a subsequent "Written opinion" and finally an "International preliminary examination report," all for the same theoretical case.

2. It is proposed that these filled-in forms be approved by the International Preliminary Examining Authorities at the fourth session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT. They are submitted herewith for information and comment.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the  
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

To:

JOHN ATTORNEY  
ATTORNEY, JUDGE AND JURY  
123 MAIN STREET  
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND 20906  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**PCT**

INVITATION TO RESTRICT OR  
PAY ADDITIONAL FEES

(PCT Article 34(3)(a) and Rule 68.2)

Date of Mailing (day/month/year)	
Applicant's or agent's file reference PCT-123	REPLY OR PAYMENT DUE within 1 month from the above date of mailing
International application No. PCT/US94/99999	International filing date (day/month/year) 01 JULY 1994
Applicant XYZABC CORPORATION	

1. This International Preliminary Examining Authority

- (i) considers that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated in the Annex.
- (ii) therefore considers that there are 2 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application as indicated in the Annex.
- (iii) recalls that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e)).

2. Consequently the applicant is hereby invited, within the time limit indicated above, to restrict the claims as suggested under item 3 below, or to pay amount indicated below:

\$ 140.00	X	1	=	\$ 140.00
Fee additional per invention		number of additional inventions		total amount of additional fees

The applicant is informed that, according to Rule 40.2(c), the payment of any additional fee may be made under protest, i.e., a reasoned statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fee is excessive.

3. If the applicant opts to restrict the claims, this Authority suggests the restriction possibilities indicated in the Annex, which in its opinion would be in compliance with the requirement of unity of invention.

4. In the absence of any response from the applicant, this Authority will establish the international preliminary examination report on those parts of the international application indicated in the Annex which, in the opinion of this Authority, appear to relate to the main invention.

Name and mailing address of the IPEA/US Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231 Facsimile No. (703) 555-3230	Authorized officer  BRIAN W. BROWN Telephone No. (703) 555-9646
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INVITATION TO RESTRICT OF PAY ADDITIONAL FEES

International application No.

PCT/US94/99999

1. This International Preliminary Examining Authority has found 2 inventions claimed in the International Application covered by the claims indicated below:

- I. Claims 1-5, drawn to a rotary offset printing press
- II. Claims 6-11, drawn to a method of coating a moving web of plastic material

and it considers that the International Application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated below:

Group I relates to a rotary offset printing press having a special technical feature which includes the combination of an eccentrically mounted ink transfer roller which is coated with aluminum. Group II is directed to a method of coating a traveling plastic web wherein the special technical feature involves heating the web to a temperature of 85-90 degrees Centigrade and spraying the web with a coating material. Since the two groups involve separate special technical features and the process of Group II does not involve use of the apparatus of Group I, a finding of lack of unity of invention is proper.

4. In the absence of any response from the applicant, this Authority will establish the International Preliminary Examination Report based on the main invention. The claims drawn to the main invention are as follows:

Claims: 1-5.

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the  
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

**PCT**

WRITTEN OPINION

(PCT Rule 66)

To:		Date of Mailing (day/month/year)	
JOHN ATTORNEY ATTORNEY, JUDGE AND JURY 123 MAIN STREET SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND 20906 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA			
Applicant's or agent's file reference PCT-123		REPLY DUE within TWO months from the above date of mailing	
International application No. PCT/US94/99999	International filing date (day/month/year) 01 JULY 1994	Priority date (day/month/year) 06 JULY 1993	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC IPC(5): B05D 1/02; B41F 7/02, 13/20 and US Cl.: 101/248, 365; 427/446			
Applicant XYZABC CORPORATION			

1. This written opinion is the first (first, etc.) drawn by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.

2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- I  Basis of the opinion
- II  Priority
- III  Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV  Lack of unity of invention
- V  Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI  Certain documents cited
- VII  Certain defects in the international application
- VIII  Certain observations on the international application

3. The applicant is hereby invited to reply to this opinion.

**When?** See the time limit indicated above. ~~The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d).~~

**How?** By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.

**Also** For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4.  
For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4 bis.  
For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.

**If no reply is filed**, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.

4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 69.2 is: 06 NOVEMBER 1995.

Name and mailing address of the IPEA/US Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231 Facsimile No. (703) 555-3230	Authorized officer BRIAN W. BROWN Telephone No. (703) 555-9646
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WRITTEN OPINION

International application No.

PCT/US94/99999

I. Basis of the opinion

1. This opinion has been drawn on the basis of (*Substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed".*):

- the international application as originally filed.
- the description, pages (See Attached) , as originally filed.  
pages \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the demand.  
pages \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_ .
- the claims, Nos. (See Attached) , as originally filed.  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ , as amended under Article 19.  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the demand.  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_ .
- the drawings, sheets/~~fig~~ (See Attached) , as originally filed.  
sheets/~~fig~~ \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the demand.  
sheets/~~fig~~ \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages NONE
- the claims, Nos. NONE
- the drawings, sheets/~~fig~~ NONE

3.  This opinion has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the ~~Supplemental Box~~ Additional observations below (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

NONE

WRITTEN OPINION

International application No.

PCT/US94/99999

**II. Priority**

1.  This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the failure to furnish within the prescribed time limit the requested:

copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed.

translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed.

2.  This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid.

Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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International application No.  
PCT/US94/99999

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The question whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been and will not be examined in respect of:

the entire international application.

claims Nos. 12 and 13

because:

the said following application, or the said claim Nos. \_ relate to the following subject matter which does not require international preliminary examination (*specify*).

the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. \_ are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*).

the claims, or said claims Nos. \_ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 12 and 13.

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International application No.  
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**IV. Lack of unity of invention**

1. In response to the invitation (Form PCT/IPEA/405) to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has:

- restricted the claims.
- paid additional fees.
- paid additional fees under protest.
- neither restricted nor paid additional fees.

2. This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with for the following reasons and chose, according to Rule 68.1 not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees:

3. Consequently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of international preliminary examination in establishing this opinion:

- all parts.
- the parts relating to claims Nos. 1-11.



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International application No.

PCT/US94/99999

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>3-11</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1 and 2</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>4 and 5</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-3 and 6-11</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1 and 2 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by the patent to Smith.

Claim 3 lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Smith in view of Jones. Smith discloses a rotary offset printing press which has side frames (8,9), a dampening assembly (45) and an inking unit (172) which includes an ink transfer roller (82). Jones teaches the desirability of coating an ink transfer roller (36) with aluminum to provide for uniform ink transfer (see page 7, lines 7-12). In view of the teachings of Jones, it would have been obvious to coat the ink transfer roller of Smith with aluminum in order to provide for uniform ink transfer.

Claims 6-11 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Johnson in view of Hill. Johnson discloses a method of coating a traveling web of plastic (A) with an elastomeric substance (E) by using spray nozzles (N) spaced 5-10 cm. from the surface of the web. Hill teaches that the adhesive qualities of the elastomeric coating can be improved by heating the web to a temperature of 85-90 degrees Centigrade. Regarding claims 7-11, note the steps of unwinding and winding the web of Johnson disclosed at page 4, lines 17-24. In view of the teachings of Hill, it would have been obvious to modify the coating method of Johnson by heating the web.

Claims 4 and 5 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a rotary offset printing press having an inking roller which is coated with aluminum and which pivots about an eccentric axis.

\_\_\_\_\_ NEW CITATION \_\_\_\_\_

US, A, 1,234,567 (JONES) 19 June 1951

WRITTEN OPINION

International application No.  
PCT/US94/99999

VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

<u>Application No. Patent No.</u>	<u>Publication Date (day/month/year)</u>	<u>Filing Date (day/month/year)</u>	<u>Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)</u>
US, A, 6,000,001	07 SEPTEMBER 1993	12 JANUARY 1993	NONE

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

<u>Kind of non-written disclosure</u>	<u>Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)</u>	<u>Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)</u>
_____	_____	_____

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International application No.  
PCT/US94/99999

**VII. Certain defects in the international application**

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

The description is objected to as containing the following defect under PCT Rule 66.2(a)(iii) in the form or contents thereof: the sentence found on lines 6-7 of page 3 has no clear meaning.

WRITTEN OPINION

International application No.  
PCT/US94/99999

**VIII. Certain observations on the international application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

The drawings are objected to under PCT Rule 66.2(a)(v) as lacking clarity under PCT Article 7 because reference character "17" refers to both a printing cylinder in Fig. 1 and a plastic web in Fig. 3.

Claim 5 is objected to under PCT Rule 66.2(a)(v) as lacking clarity under PCT Article 6 because the claim is indefinite for the following reason: the term "said ink transfer roller" lacks antecedent basis.

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**Supplemental Box**

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: Boxes I - VIII

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**TIME LIMIT:**

The time limit set for response to a Written Opinion may not be extended. 37 CFR 1.484(d). Any response received after the expiration of the time limit set in the Written Opinion will not be considered in preparing the International Preliminary Examination Report.

**I. BASIS OF OPINION:**

This opinion has been drawn on the basis of the description, pages, 1-5, 8 and 11, as originally filed.  
pages, 6, 7, 9 and 10, filed with the demand.  
and additional amendments:  
NONE

This opinion has been drawn on the basis of the claims, numbers, 1, 3-7, and 9, as originally filed.  
numbers, 2 and 8, as amended under Article 19.  
numbers, 10 and 11, filed with the demand.  
and additional amendments:  
NONE

This opinion has been drawn on the basis of the drawings, sheets, 1 and 3, as originally filed.  
sheets, 2, filed with the demand.  
and additional amendments:  
NONE

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PCT-123	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US94/99999	International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 01 JULY 1994	Priority date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 06 JULY 1993
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(5): B05D 1/02; B41F 7/02, 13/20 and US Cl.: 101/248, 365; 427/446		
Applicant XYZABC CORPORATION		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 9 sheets.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 8 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I  Basis of the report
- II  Priority
- III  Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV  Lack of unity of invention
- V  Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI  Certain documents cited
- VII  Certain defects in the international application
- VIII  Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand  31 JANUARY 1995	Date of completion of this report  23 JUNE 1995
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/US Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231	Authorized officer  BRIAN W. BROWN
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/US94/99999

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(Substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments):*

- the international application as originally filed.
- the description, pages (See Attached) , as originally filed.  
pages \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the demand.  
pages \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_ .  
pages \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_ .
- the claims, Nos. (See Attached) , as originally filed.  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ , as amended under Article 19.  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the demand.  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_ .
- the drawings, sheets/fig (See Attached) , as originally filed.  
sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the demand.  
sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_ .  
sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_ , filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages NONE .
- the claims, Nos. 3 .
- the drawings, sheets/fig NONE .

3.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the ~~Supplemental Box~~ Additional observations below (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

NONE

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US94/99999

**II. Priority**

1.  This report has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the failure to furnish within the prescribed time limit the requested:
  - copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed.
  - translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed.
  
2.  This report has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid.

Thus for the purposes of this report, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:



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III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The question whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been and will not be examined in respect of:

the entire international application.

claims Nos. 12 and 13

because:

the said following application, or the said claim Nos. \_ relate to the following subject matter which does not require international preliminary examination (*specify*).

the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. \_ are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*).

the claims, or said claims Nos. \_ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 12 and 13.

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IV. Lack of unity of invention

1. In response to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has:

- restricted the claims.  
 paid additional fees.  
 paid additional fees under protest.  
 neither restricted nor paid additional fees.

2.  This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.

3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is

- complied with.  
 not complied with for the following reasons:

As applicant was previously notified this International Preliminary Examining Authority has found plural inventions claimed in the International Application covered by the claims indicated below:

- I. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 14 drawn to a rotary offset printing press  
II. Claims 6-11, drawn to a method of coating a moving web of plastic material

and it considers that the International Application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated below:

Group I relates to a rotary offset printing press having a special technical feature which includes the combination of an eccentrically mounted ink transfer roller which is coated with aluminum. Group II is directed to a method of coating a traveling plastic web wherein the special technical feature involves heating the web to a temperature of 85-90 degrees Centigrade and spraying the web with a coating material. Since the two groups involve separate special technical features and the process of Group II does not involve use of the apparatus of Group I, a finding of lack of unity of invention is proper.

4. Consequently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of international preliminary examination in establishing this report:

- all parts.  
 the parts relating to claims Nos. 1, 2, 4-11 and 14.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/US94/99999

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>4-11 and 14</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1 and 2</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>4, 5 and 14</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1, 2 and 6-11</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1, 2, 4-11 and 14</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1 and 2 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by the patent to Smith.

Claims 6-11 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Johnson in view of Hill. Johnson discloses a method of coating a traveling web of plastic (A) with an elastomeric substance (E) by using spray nozzles (N) spaced 5-10 cm. from the surface of the web. Hill teaches that the adhesive qualities of the elastomeric coating can be improved by heating the web to a temperature of 85-90 degrees Centigrade. Regarding claims 7-11, note the steps of unwinding and winding the web of Johnson disclosed at page 4, lines 17-24. In view of the teachings of Hill, it would have been obvious to modify the coating method of Johnson by heating the web.

Claims 4, 5 and 14 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a rotary offset printing press having an inking roller which is coated with aluminum and which pivots about an eccentric axis.

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US, A, 1,234,567 (JONES) 19 June 1951

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1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

<u>Application No. Patent No.</u>	<u>Publication Date (day/month/year)</u>	<u>Filing Date (day/month/year)</u>	<u>Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)</u>
US, A, 6,000,001	07 SEPTEMBER 1993	12 JANUARY 1993	NONE

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

<u>Kind of non-written disclosure</u>	<u>Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)</u>	<u>Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)</u>
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

The description is objected to as containing the following defect under PCT Rule 66.2(a)(iii) in the form or contents thereof: the sentence found on lines 6-7 of page 3 has no clear meaning.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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**VIII. Certain observations on the international application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

The drawings are objected to under PCT Rule 66.2(a)(v) as lacking clarity under PCT Article 7 because reference character "17" refers to both a printing cylinder in Fig. 1 and a plastic web in Fig. 3.

Claim 5 is objected to under PCT Rule 66.2(a)(v) as lacking clarity under PCT Article 6 because the claim is indefinite for the following reason: the term "said ink transfer roller" lacks antecedent basis.

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International application No.

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**Supplemental Box**

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: Boxes I - VIII

Sheet 10

I. BASIS OF REPORT:

This report has been drawn on the basis of the description,  
pages, 1-5, 8 and 11, as originally filed.  
pages, 6, 7, 9 and 10, filed with the demand.  
and additional amendments:  
NONE

This report has been drawn on the basis of the claims,  
numbers, 1, 4-7, and 9, as originally filed.  
numbers, 2 and 8, as amended under Article 19.  
numbers, 10 and 11, filed with the demand.  
and additional amendments:  
Claim 14, filed with the letter of 12 June 1995

This report has been drawn on the basis of the drawings,  
sheets, 1 and 3, as originally filed.  
sheets, 2, filed with the demand.  
and additional amendments:  
NONE