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Intellectual Property Laws in Malaysia

MyIPO

- Patent Act 1983
- Trade Marks Act 1976
- Industrial Design Act 1996
- Geographical Indication Act 2000
- Copyright Act 1987
- Layout Design and Integrated Circuit Act 2000













Ministry of Agriculture

• Protection of New Plant Varieties Act 2004





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Functions of the Patent System

To obtain an exclusive right granted for INVENTIONS, which is different from:

- Protection of creative work Copyright Law
- Appearance of articles Industrial Design Law
- Protection of marks Trademarks Law



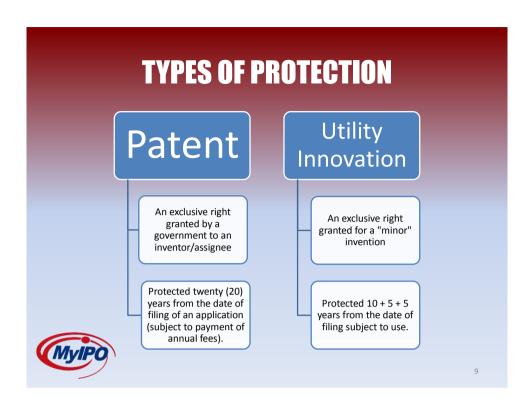
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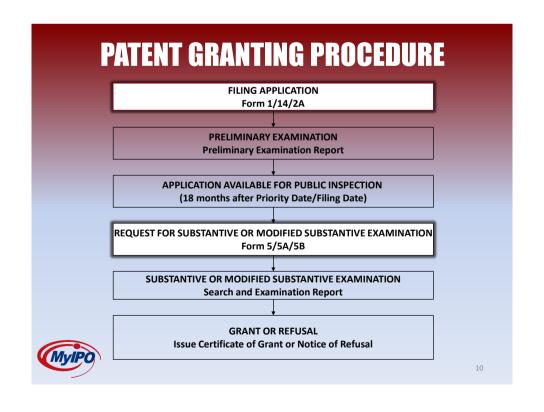
- "An idea of an inventor which permits in practice the solution to a specific problem in the field of technology"
- An invention may be or may relate to a product or process.

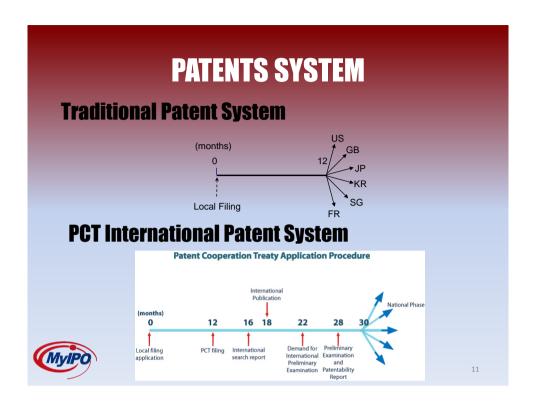


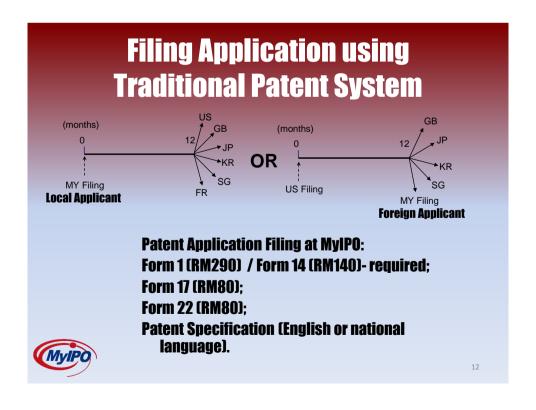
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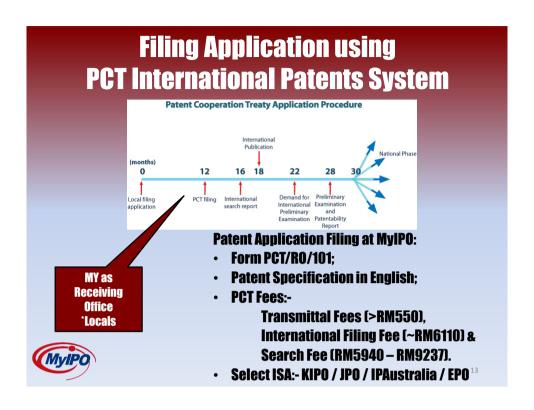
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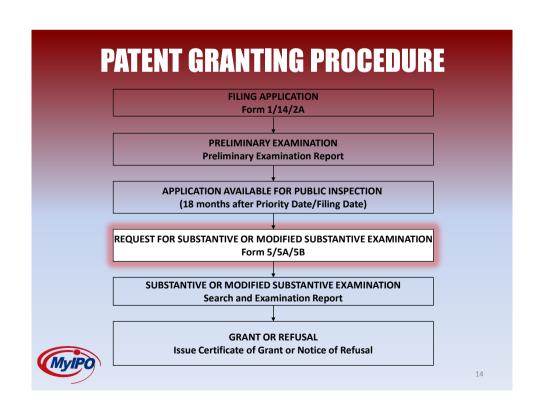












REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION

Substantive Examination

 Submit Form 5 with prescribed fees (RM1100 – manual)

Expedited Examination

- Form 5 has been submitted, after 18 months from filing date / priority date
- Submit Form 5H, SD with prescribed fees (RM250 – manual)
- Upon approval from Registrar, Form 5I (RM2200 – manual)

Modified Examination

- Submit Form 5A with prescribed fees (RM640 – manual)
- a certified true copy of the patent granted to the applicant in the prescribed country or Convention



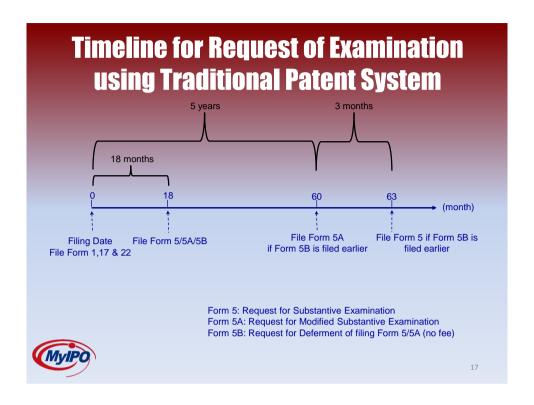
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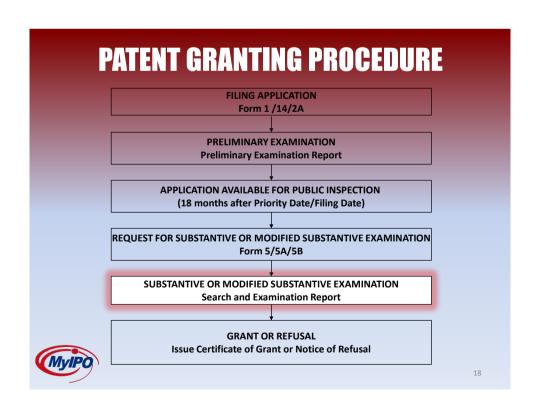
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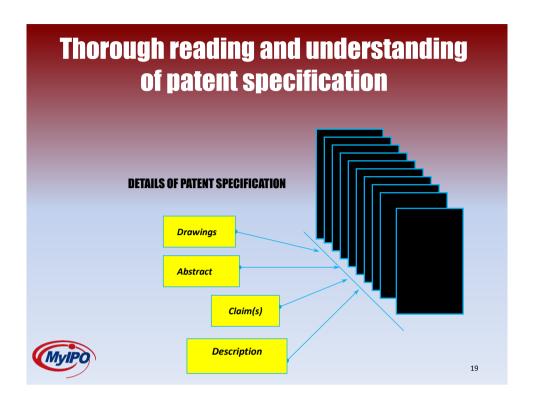
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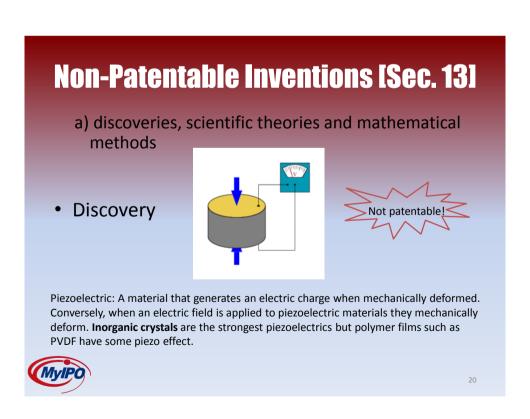
Australia, Japan, The Republic of Korea, The United Kingdom and The United States of America; European Patent Convention

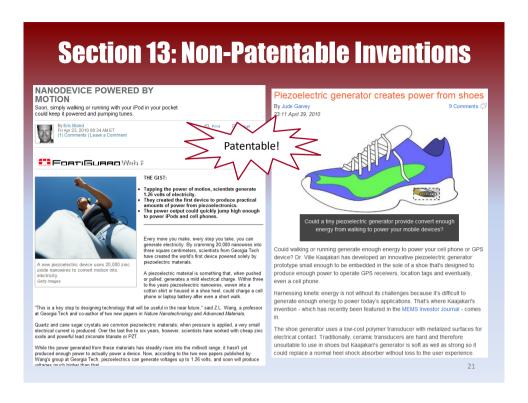


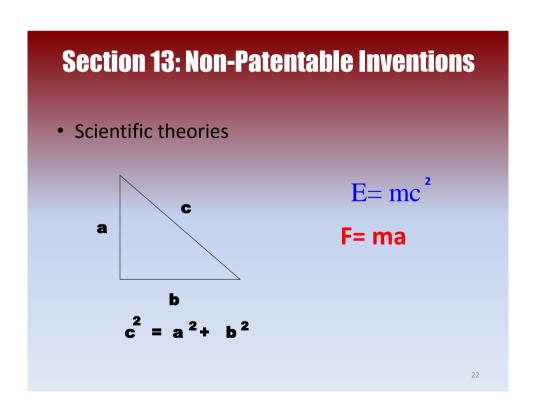












Section 13: Non-Patentable Inventions

- Mathematical methods
 - E.g. a new way to calculate square roots, shortcut method of division
 - Its application -> patentable
 - · A calculating machine
 - Method of image processing which used the mathematical method to operate on numbers representing an image

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Section 13: Non-Patentable Inventions

b) plant and animal varieties or essentially biological processes for the production of plants or animals, other than man-made living micro-organisms

Section 13: Non-Patentable Inventions

Animal variety



An Israeli geneticist, Avigdor Cahaner, created the world's first featherless chicken at the genetics faculty at the Rehovot Agronomy Institute near Tel Aviv, Israel. The idea behind the development of this naked bird is that it will create a more 'convenient' and energy efficient chicken which can live in warm countries where feathered chickens don't do well and cooling systems are too expensive to be commonly affordable.

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Section 13: Non-Patentable Inventions

c) schemes, rules or methods for doing business, performing purely mental acts or playing games

Method for doing business



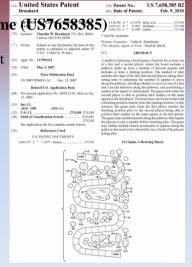
Section 13: Non-Patentable Inventions

Method for playing games

Method of playing a pursuit board game (US7658385) Claim:

A method of playing a board game of pursuit for a first player and a second player; the method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a game board that includes a start and a plurality of discrete spaces that form a pathway;
- b) providing a device for determining the number of spaces to be moved along the pathway;
- c) determining an order of play such that the first player plays first and the second player plays second;



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Section 13: Non-Patentable Inventions

- d) Methods for treatment of human or animal body by surgery or therapy, and diagnostic methods practised on the human or animal body
- Method for the treatment of human body



Assessing Unity of Inventions

Check for unity of invention.

An application shall relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions

Example:

Claim 1 : An illuminated basketball rim.

Claim 4 : An illuminated basketball backboard wherein illuminating

means are located on the front surface area of the basketball

backboard.

Claim 6 : A power source remotely located for powering the illuminated

basketball backboard and illuminated basketball rim.

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Assessing Patentability - Patent

Novelty [Section 14]
Inventive Steps [Section 15]
Industrial Applicability [Section 16]

Assessing Patentability – Utility Innovation

Novelty [Section 14]

Inventive Steps [Section 15]

Industrial Applicability [Section 16]

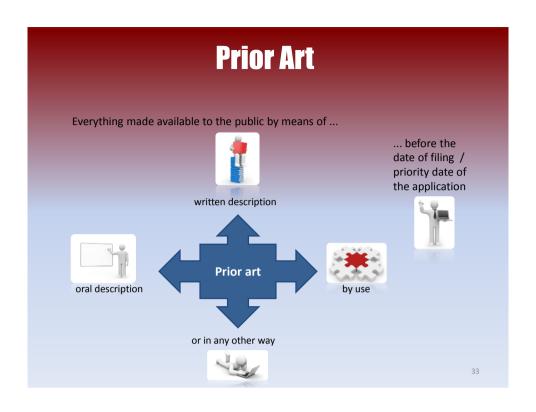
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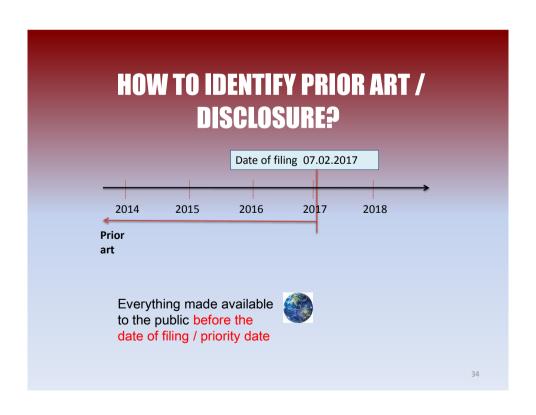
Section 14: Novelty

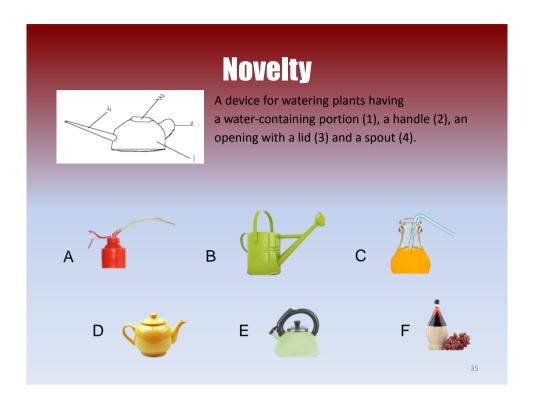
"An invention is new if it is not anticipated by prior art."

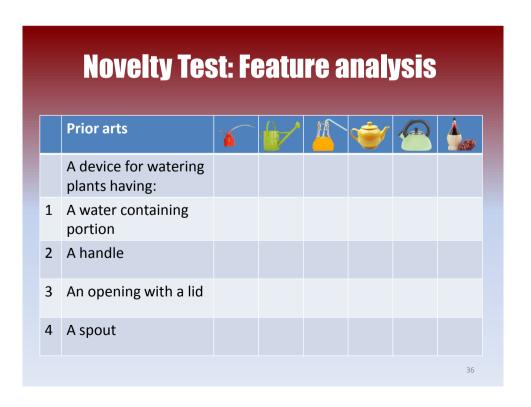
Prior Art

"Everything disclosed to the public, anywhere in the world"











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- Subscribed databases (Epoquenet, GPI & STN)

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INVENTIVE STEP (SEC. 15)

An invention shall be considered as involving an inventive step if, having regard to the prior art, such inventive step would not have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art.

Inventive Step – Using Common General Knowledge

Example 1

- Claim : A portable bicycle having a casing made of aluminum
- Prior Art 1: A portable bicycle having a casing made of a lightweight material

Conclusion:-

The claim is novel but lacks inventive step, since it is obvious to a person skilled in the art that aluminum is considered a lightweight material

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Inventive Step – Combining Prior Arts

Claim 1	Prior Art 1	Prior Art 2
A portable bicycle having	1	1
a front wheel;	√	1
a fork;	√	-
a casing made of aluminum	-	√
Conclusion		

Feature Table Analysis

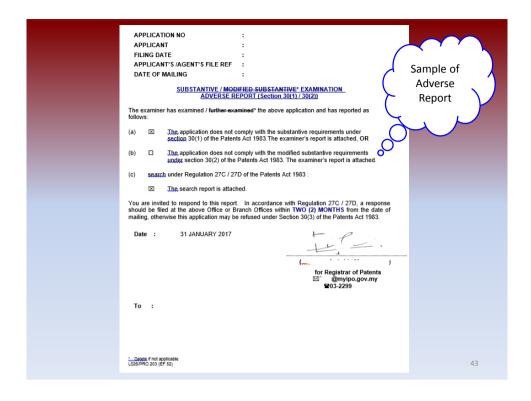
Industrial Applicable (Section 16)

An invention shall be considered industrial applicable if it can be made or used in any kind of industry.

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Report Issuance

- Examiners will issue Search Report and Adverse or Clear Report to the applicant based on their search and examination
- Applicant has 2 months to submit corrections/arguments (Reg. 27C(4))



SUBS	EXAMINER'S REPORT UNDER SECTIO			
The application fails to comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations for the following reasons.				
Specification Details				
The examination was ca	arried out on the following p			
	ages 1 – 8	filed on	23 November 2012	
	ges 9 – 10 (10 claims) ages	filed on	23 November 2012	
	gure 1 – 3B (3 sheets)	filed on	23 November 2012	
	gure 11 1	filed on	23 November 2012 23 November 2012	
Documents Cited or Considered Relevant				
D1: R.A. Karim, N.M.A. Ghani, N.N.S. <u>Nani</u> , Natural Discovery. Electricity Potential from <u>Vermicompost</u> (Waste to Energy), 2011 D2: US 2011/012335 A1 (GIRGUIS et al.) 26 May 2011 D3: US 5702835 A (LARUE) 30 December 1997 D4: <u>Bania</u> , P. K. et al. 'Electricity Generation from <u>Biowaste</u> Based Microbial Fuel Cells', International Journal of Energy, Information and Communications, Vol. 1, Issue 1, November 2010 [Online], Retrieved on 17 January 2017]. «URL: http://www.sersc.org/iournals/J.EIC/vol.1.ls1/7.pdf				
Basis of Examination				
1. The present application does not meet the requirement of sections 11 and 14 because the subject matter of claims $1-2$, $8-9$ is not new.				
As per independent claim 1, D1 discloses an electricity storage device (see D1 abstract; page 1380 in Part IV. Conclusion) comprising an anode (see page 1357 in Part III. Methodology page), a cathode (see page 1357 in Part III. Methodology page), and an electrolyte, wherein said electrolyte is xemiccomposit (see page 1357 in Part III. Methodology page).				
As per dependent claim 2, D1 discloses wherein the device is a battery or a cell (see abstract; page 1360 of Part V. Conclusion).				
As per dependent claim 8, D1 discloses wherein said <u>vernicompost</u> is capable of generating an electrical ploetnial across said anode and said cathode (see page 1360 in Part V. Conclusion).			44	

As per dependent claim 9, D1 discloses wherein the device converts food and agricultural waste directly into electrical energy (see page 1360 in Part V. Conclusion).

Therefore the subject matter of claims 1-2, 8-9 is not new.

 The present application does not meet the requirement of sections 11 and 15 because the subject matter of claims 1 – 9 does not involve an inventive step when compared to the disclosure of D1 – D3.

Claims 1-2, 8-9 also lack an inventive step for the reasons given previously for novelty. An invention is necessarily obvious in the light of its disclosure.

For the sake of completeness of this report, some of the claims which are not novel have been reconsidered for inventive Step in light of other documents (individually with common general knowledge or in combination) as follows:

 As per independent claim 1, D2 discloses an electricity storage device (see D2 title; abstract) comprising an anode (see item 25 of Figure 8; paragraph (0031)), a cathode (see item 35 of Figure 8; paragraph (0031)), and an electrolyte (see paragraph (0023)).

Claim 1 differs from D2 in that D2 does not disclose the electrolyte is vermicompost. D2 discloses that the electrolyte ("title source" as described in D2) is methane that may be blomass that may be from plants or animals, further includes composted livestock waste or a compost pile (see paragraph (0030)).

The problem addressed by the current application is to produce an electricity storage device that does not contain harmful chemical substances.

However it is considered that this difference resides only in what is merely a choice of one of several obvious known alternatives in the air of using compost as the elections the source to get washed to be supposed to the source of the s

Furthermore appended claims 2, 8 – 9 add only features that are common genera knowledge in the art and which therefore cannot contribute to providing a patental inventive step.

Similar reasoning applied with respect to D3 (see D3 title; abstract; column 2 lines 51 – 54).

As per dependent claims 3 and 4, the claimed invention differs from D1 – D2 in that each of D1 – D2 does not disclose wherein the anode is a zinc plate or the cathode is a lead oxide plate. However, both D1 and D2 discloses be electrodes are of different netals (see D1 Age 1357) in Part III. Methodology; D2 paragraph [0061]). A person skilled in the art voculd know that zinc and lead are netal elements that can be used as deciroces to create difference in electrical potential for the device. Thus using zinc or lead oxide is just one of the known attenditives for electrode material and therefore claims 3 and 4 are not inventive.

As per dependent claim 5, D2 discloses wherein output of the device is enhanced by adding carbon to the compost (see D2 paragraphs [0004], [0041]). Therefore claim 5 is not inventive.

As per dependent claim 6, D2 discloses wherein output of the device is enhanced by adding acid to the compost (see D2 paragraph (0053)). Therefore claim 6 is not inventive.

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As per dependent claim 7, D3 discloses wherein output of the device is enhanced by adding water to the compost (see D3 column 3 lines 20 – 23). Therefore claim 7 is not inventive.

As per dependent claim 10, the claimed invention differs from D1 in that does not disclose the groupcage is prepared by decomposing sawdust by a plurality of earth worms. D1 only discloses the groupcage is prepared by decomposing food, agricultural and aniamal waste, and soil by earth worms (see D1 page 1356 in Part I. Introduction). However, a person skilled in the art would know that sawdust is a substrate of plant origin that is bound to be decomposed, and generally adding sawdust in the groupcage is just a choice of one of several obvious known alternatives in the art and which would be available for use by the person skilled in the art (PSA). The specification describes no particular problem to be overcome which would act as a barrier in applying such a known alternative without an inventive solution, nor is such a solution described. Additionally the particular selection provides on new or surprising result. Therefore this is merely an obvious choice which the PSA would arrive at by a routine and non-inventive process.

Therefore the subject matter of all of claims 1-10 is obvious and thus not inventive.

- Figure 1 is incorrectly prepared [Reg. 18(10)]. Drawings shall be executed in durable, black sufficiently dense and dark, uniformly thick and well-defined lines and strokes without coloring.
- 4. The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that all amendments filed in response to this report must comply with the requirements of Section 26A. In order to expedite the procedure the applicant is requested to indicate with his reply the location in the application as originally filed of the passage(s) forming a basis for the amendment(s).
- Amendments to the specification should be effected by filing replacement pages in duplicate.

Date : JANUARY 2017

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