

The examination is being carried out on the **following application documents**

**Description, Pages**

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**Claims, Numbers**

1, 2 received on 11-05-2012 with letter of 11-05-2012

**1 Third Party Observations (Rule 114(2) EPC)**

1.1 A third party (TP) observation was transmitted to the applicant on 09-02-2012. The Applicant has not commented on this observation.

**2 Novelty (Art.54 EPC)**

2.1 The ED has analyzed the third party observations. According to the observation, the present set of amended claims lack novelty (Art.54 EPC) in view of the documents Khan et al (TP-1), Therayar (TP-2; Palitham), Therayar (TP-3; Neerazhivu Kudineer 2), Therayar (TP-4; Neerazhivu Kudineer 4), Kannusamy (TP-5) and Rasantantrasarah (TP-6). All documents have been delivered to the applicant with letter dated 09-02-2012.

2.2 The ED intends to follow the TP observation that the present set of claims is not novel in view of documents TP-1 to TP6 (See page 2 of the Third party observation).

3 At present, it does not appear to be possible to overcome the raised objections by further amendments. Refusal of the application under Article 97 (2) EPC is therefore to be expected.

3.1 If, however, the Applicant is of the opinion that it is possible to provide for a set of claims that fulfills all requirements of the EPC, he is requested to provide clear basis for all amendments carried out, in particular not referring to any allegedly implicit disclosures, in order to fulfil the requirements of Art.123 (2) EPC. He is further requested not to introduce any non-searched subject matter (Rule 137(4) EPC). The Applicant is further requested to provide a detailed argumentation based on the Problem-Solution-Approach.