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To,
"DISCOVERER, 9TH FLOOR, UNIT 3,
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SUB : Examination Report

APPLICATION NUMBER : 1600/che/2006
DATE OF FILING : 04/09/2006
DATE OF REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION : 03/09/2010
DATE OF PUBLICATION : 14/03/2008

With reference to the RQ No. 6455/RQ-CHE/2010 Dated 03/09/2010 in the above mentioned application
a) for Grant of Patent , Examination has been conducted under Section 12 and 13 of the Patents Act 1970 ,
The following objections are hereby communicated

b) Objections :

- 1 Claims 1-10 are not patentable u/S 3(i) of the Patents Act, 1970 as they relate to a method of treatment.
- 2 Claims 11-13 do not constitute an invention u/S 2(1)(j) of the Act.
Claims 14-17 should be defined in terms of its technical features instead of the result to be achieved,
3 which merely amounts to a statement of the underlying problem, without providing the technical features
necessary for achieving this result.

- 4 Claims 1-17 are not patentable u/S 3(p) of the Act as they relate to traditional knowledge. Use of Eugenia
jambolana (*Syzygium cumini*) for treatment of diabetes is traditionally known. Refer enclosed TKDL
documents, D1:NG/346, D2:D2:RS17/828.

Notwithstanding above mentioned objections, Claims lack inventive step u/S 2(1)(j) in view of cited
prior art documents D1 & D2 as as the use of aqueous extracts of Eugenia jambolana for treating diabetes
would have been obvious to a person skilled in the art from the teachings of the cited prior art documents.
If the subject-matter as claimed relates to extracts/alkaloids and/or isolation of active ingredients of
plants, which are naturally/inherently present in plants, such claims cannot be considered as novel and/or
5 inventive when use of such plants is pre-known as part of teachings of Traditional Knowledge (TK).
When the subject-matter of claims relate to extracts of plant materials containing undefined active
ingredients, such claims cannot be said to be novel if the use of such plants or plant materials is
pre-known as a part of teaching of TK. However, if the claims relate to alkaloids and/or active principles
obtained from the plant materials and structures of the said alkaloids and/or active principles are

characterized, which do not form the part of the prior art, such claims cannot be said to involve an inventive step, since the use of said plant materials and their therapeutic effects are known from the teaching of TK. Thus, the prior art motivates the person skilled in the art to isolate the individual ingredients such as alkaloids, flavonoids, phyto-steroids, etc.

6 Source & Geographical origin of Biological materials in the specification should be disclosed.

As the invention, as disclosed in the specification, uses biological material from India, prescribed

7 permission from the competent authority(National Biodiversity Authority) should be obtained and submitted to this Office.

8 Claims 14-17 are not fully supported by the description,with working example for claimed composition and its preparation, as required u/s 10(5) of the Patents Act, 1970.

9 Form 3 should be filed within the prescribed period.

Details regarding the search and/or examination report including claims of the application allowed, as referred to in Rule 12(3) of the Patent Rule, 2003, in respect of same or substantially the same invention

10 filed in all the major Patent offices along with appropriate translation where applicable, should be submitted within a period of Six months from the date of receipt of this communication as provided under section 8(2) of the Indian Patents Act.

11 Details regarding application for Patents which may be filed outside India from time to time for the same or substantially the same invention should be furnished within Six months from the date of filing of the said application under clause(b) of sub section(1) of section 8 and rule 12(1) of Indian Patent Act.

You are requested to comply with the objections by filing your reply by way of explanation and/or

c) amendments within 12 months from the date of issue of FER failing which your application will be treated as "Deemed to have been abandoned" under section 21(1) of the Act. The last Date is 03/12/2014.

d) You are advised to file your reply at the earliest so that the office can further proceed with application and complete the process within the prescribed period.

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