



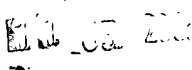


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<b>C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT</b>		
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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
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because they relate to parts of the International-Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
  
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-42

Apparatus and method for supporting a load in a compliant manner  
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2. claims: 43-49,71-84

Method of docking a test head to a peripheral by using docking members comprising a cam follower in combination with a pin receptacle comprising a groove  
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3. claims: 50-70

Docking mechanism comprising a detector for indicating when a test head is in a ready to actuate position of docking  
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4. claims: 77-84

Method of optimizing the docking of a test head to a peripheral  
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