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CLAIMS INCURRING FEES

The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- ☐ Only part of the claims have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claim(s):
- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

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1-6, 7-9 when claims 7-9 are dependent on claim 6



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**LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION
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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-6, 7-9 when claims 7-9 are dependent on claim 6

Spacers for connection elements of a scaffolding platform
(cf. claim 6)

2. claims: claims 1-5, 7-9, when claims 7-9 are not dependent on claim 6

Device for locking a scaffolding platform on the tubular
elements of a scaffolding (cf. claim 9)

3. claims: claims 10-13

Alternative method for making a connection element for a
scaffolding platform (cf. claim 10)

4. claim: Claim 14

Alternative method for making a reinforced board for a
scaffolding platform.



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Claim(s) searched completely:
1-14

Claim(s) not searched:
15

Reason for the limitation of the search:

Claims 15 contains references to the description. According to Rule 29(6) EPC, claims should not contain such references except where absolutely necessary, which is not the case here (see the Guidelines, C-III, 4.10).

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