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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1. claims: 1-16,73,74

Method for manufacturing floor panels, comprising providing the panel with a guiding groove and profiling the edges while the panel is guided by means of said a groove; panel manufactured therewith

2. claims: 17-30

Methods for packaging generic floor panels and set of floor panels packaged therewith

3. claims: 31-50

Methods for manufacturing patterned floor panels by dividing laminate boards into several panels

4. claims: 51-65

Methods and devices for manufacturing floor panels by profiling their edge regions during transport of the panels on particular carrier elements

5. claims: 66-72

Floor panel comprising, in the profiled region, a weakening recess of the lower lip

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