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Application Number

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DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (IPC)
	No further relevant documents disclosed -----		INV. H01H50/56 H01H1/54
			TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (IPC)
			H01H
The supplementary search report has been based on the last set of claims valid and available at the start of the search.			
<b>INCOMPLETE SEARCH</b>			
The Search Division considers that the present application, or one or more of its claims, does/do not comply with the EPC so that only a partial search (R.62a, 63) has been carried out.			
Claims searched completely :			
Claims searched incompletely :			
Claims not searched :			
Reason for the limitation of the search: see sheet C			
Place of search <b>Munich</b>		Date of completion of the search <b>27 March 2017</b>	Examiner <b>Simonini, Stefano</b>
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Claim(s) searched incompletely:  
1-10

Reason for the limitation of the search:

Claim 1 lacks clarity - Art.84 EPC.

Firstly, the statement "a pair of auxiliary attraction means disposed to oppose both ends" cannot be understood. Which ends is the claim referring to? What is meant by "oppose both ends"?

Secondly, the functional features of the last eight lines of the claim cannot be understood. What is meant by "insulating means for preventing the pair of auxiliary attraction means from being mutually attracted"? Here, the essential feature that the auxiliary attraction means are made of iron (i.e. ferromagnetic) is missing. This is how they work, by mutual attraction under a magnetic field. Why then would there be a component to prevent their mutual attraction? This defeats their purpose. How does this component work to prevent magnetic attraction?

The search was therefore based on the draft claims provided by the applicant in response to a request for clarification.