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LACK OF UNITIY 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:

1. claims: 1(completely); 4-15(partially)
A method of maintaining or improving the efficiency of an irrigation system comprising applying an effective amount of a plant agent composition comprising a treated, fermented microbial supernatant and one or more non-ionic surfactants to one or more pipes in a pipeline network of the irrigation system, wherein the application of the plant agent composition results in adequate removal of one or more components blocking one or more pipeline networks of an irrigation system

2. claims: 2(completely); 4-15(partially)
A method of controlling a causal agent of a plant disease, comprising applying an effective amount of a plant agent composition comprising a treated, fermented microbial supernatant and one or more non-ionic surfactants to one or more plants infested with a causal agent and/or applying an effective amount of a plant agent composition to one or more locations in a manner where the causal agent will be exposed to the plant agent composition, wherein the application of the plant agent composition results in an adverse effect on the causal agent sought to be controlled

3. claims: 3(completely); 4-15(partially)
A method of increasing plant growth and/or crop production comprising applying an effective amount of a plant agent composition comprising a treated, fermented microbial supernatant and one or more non-ionic surfactants to one or more plants and/or applying an effective amount of a plant agent composition to one or more locations where a plant agent composition will be exposed to the one or more plants, wherein the application of the plant agent composition results in improved absorption by root hairs, improve xylem sap flow through xylem and improved photosynthate flow in phloem, increased uptake of water, minerals and other nutrients from the soil, increase the capillary action and/or hydrostatic pressure in xylem, and/or increased synthesis of compounds and energy and/or disruption of one or more components blocking xylem sap flow and/or photosynthate flow

None of the further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present (supplementary) European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the first mentioned in the claims, namely claims: 1(completely); 4-15(partially)

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