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### 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:

**1. claims: 1-8**

A cup comprising a base and a sidewall, the sidewall comprising: a plurality of spaced ribs projecting outwardly from the sidewall and extending for at least a portion of a length of the sidewall; and an externally mounted sleeve configured to be located with respect to the ribs such that the sleeve is spaced from the sidewall adjacent to the ribs, the sleeve extending for at least a portion of the length of the sidewall.

**2. claims: 9-15**

A cup comprising a base and a sidewall, the sidewall comprising an in-use upper sidewall portion that extends to an in-use upper rim of the cup, and an in-use lower sidewall portion, the upper and lower sidewall portions being separated by an internal rim, the lower sidewall portion defining a lower portion of the cup and the upper sidewall portion defining an upper portion of the cup; an internal lid for the cup lower portion, the internal lid arranged in use to locate at the internal rim; and an elongated tab which in use extends from the lid and projects beyond so as to enable the tab to hook over the upper rim of the cup.

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: 1-8

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