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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT AND
THE WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
SEARCHING AUTHORITY, OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

Date of mailing (day/month/year)		26 September 2019 (26-09-2019)
Applicant's or agent's file reference P-KGI-245-WO		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below
International application No. PCT/EP2018/000566	International filing date (day/month/year)	19 December 2018 (19-12-2018)
Applicant KNAUF GIPS KG		

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have been established and are transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally two months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report.

How? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO, 34 chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, Facsimile No.: (41-22) 338.82.70

For more detailed instructions, see PCT Applicant's Guide, International Phase, paragraphs 9.004 - 9.011.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are transmitted herewith.
3. ☐ **With regard to any protest** against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

- ☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with any applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.
- ☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. Reminders

The applicant may **submit comments on an informal basis on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority** to the International Bureau. These comments will be made available to the public after international publication. The International Bureau will send a copy of such comments to all designated Offices unless an international preliminary examination report has been or is to be established.

Shortly after the expiration of **18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published** by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rules 90*bis*.1 and 90*bis*.3).

Within **19 months** from the priority date, but only in respect of some designated Offices, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase **until 30 months** from the priority date (in some Offices even later); otherwise, the applicant must, **within 20 months** from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for **entry into the national phase** before those designated Offices. In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of **30 months** (or later) will apply even if no demand is filed within 19 months. For details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/time_limits.html and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapters.

Within **22 months from the priority date, the applicant may request that a supplementary international search be carried out** by a different International Searching Authority that offers this service (Rule 45*bis*.1). The procedure for requesting supplementary international search is described in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 8.006-8.032.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P-KGI-245-WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP2018/000566	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 19 December 2018 (19-12-2018)	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>)
Applicant KNAUF GIPS KG		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

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It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of:

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the international application in the language in which it was filed

☐

a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))

- b. ☐ This international search report has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43.6*bis*(a)).

- c. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box No. II)

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box No III)

4. With regard to the title,☒

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant

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the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,☒

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant

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the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2, by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority

6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 3

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as suggested by the applicant

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as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure

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as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention

- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No

PCT/EP2018/000566

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

INV. B28B19/00 B32B13/08 B32B29/00
ADD.

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
B28B B32B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X A	US 1 348 387 A (ARMSTRONG MORGAN K) 3 August 1920 (1920-08-03) figures 1-10 page 2, lines 14-44 page 2, lines 74-114 page 3, lines 3-45 page 3, lines 104-129 ----- D1	1-7, 11, 12 8, 9, 13, 15
X	US 3 832 250 A (PEARSON H) 27 August 1974 (1974-08-27) figures 1, 2 column 4, lines 37-75 column 5, lines 9-15 ----- D2	1-6, 10, 11, 14
A	US 3 578 517 A (LAPP LEON R ET AL) 11 May 1971 (1971-05-11) figure 1a column 2, lines 30-67 ----- D3 -/--	7-9



Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.



See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
 E earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date
 L document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
 O document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
 P document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

T later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

X document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

Y document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art

& document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

12 September 2019

Date of mailing of the international search report

26/09/2019

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C(Continuation). DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	W0 2015/185251 A1 (KNAUF GIPS KG [DE]) 10 December 2015 (2015-12-10) figure 1 claim 1 -----	15

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International application No

PCT/EP2018/000566

Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
US 1348387	A	03-08-1920	NONE
US 3832250	A	27-08-1974	CA 983836 A 17-02-1976 JP S533404 B2 06-02-1978 JP S4993406 A 05-09-1974 US 3832250 A 27-08-1974
US 3578517	A	11-05-1971	FR 2016351 A1 08-05-1970 US 3578517 A 11-05-1971
WO 2015185251	A1	10-12-2015	AR 100730 A1 26-10-2016 AU 2014396515 A1 15-12-2016 CN 106470813 A 01-03-2017 CN 106471194 A 01-03-2017 EP 3152022 A1 12-04-2017 EP 3152023 A1 12-04-2017 JP 2017520427 A 27-07-2017 JP 2017525586 A 07-09-2017 WO 2015185143 A1 10-12-2015 WO 2015185251 A1 10-12-2015

Information on Search Strategy - Pilot phase (see OJ 2015, A86)

The type of information contained in this sheet may change during the pilot for improving the usefulness of this new service.

Application Number

PCT/EP2018/000566

TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CASTING A STUCCO SLURRY LAYER OF DEFINED WIDTH
ONTO A LINER FOR PRODUCTION OF GYPSUM PLASTERBOARDS

APPLICANT: KNAUF GIPS KG

IPC CLASSIFICATION: B28B19/00, B32B13/08, B32B29/00

EXAMINER: Voltz, Eric

CONSULTED DATABASES: EPODOC, WPI

CLASSIFICATION SYMBOLS DEFINING EXTENT OF THE SEARCH:

IPC:

CPC: B28B19/0092, B28B19/0015, B32B13/08, B28B5/027, B28B1/16, B32B29,
B32B29/00

FI/F-TERMS:

KEYWORDS OR OTHER ELEMENTS FEATURING THE INVENTION:
gypsum wallboard,stripper device,trimming

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To:

see form PCT/ISA/220

WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

Date of mailing
(day/month/year) see form PCT/ISA/210 (second sheet)

Applicant's or agent's file reference
see form PCT/ISA/220

FOR FURTHER ACTION
See paragraph 2 below

International application No.
PCT/EP2018/000566

International filing date (day/month/year)
19.12.2018

Priority date (day/month/year)

International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC
INV. B28B19/00 B32B13/08 B32B29/00

Applicant
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☒ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed.
 - ☐ a translation of the international application into , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b)).
2. ☐ This opinion has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43bis.1(a))
3. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, this opinion has been established on the basis of a sequence listing:
 - a. ☐ forming part of the international application as filed:
 - ☐ in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file.
 - ☐ on paper or in the form of an image file.
 - b. ☐ furnished together with the international application under PCT Rule 13ter.1(a) for the purposes of international search only in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file.
 - c. ☐ furnished subsequent to the international filing date for the purposes of international search only:
 - ☐ in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file (Rule 13ter.1(a)).
 - ☐ on paper or in the form of an image file (Rule 13ter.1(b) and Administrative Instructions, Section 713).
4. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that forming part of the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
5. Additional comments:

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	<u>4, 5, 8-10, 13-15</u>
	No: Claims	<u>1-3, 6, 7, 11, 12</u>
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	<u>8, 9, 13, 15</u>
	No: Claims	<u>1-7, 10-12, 14</u>
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	<u>1-15</u>
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

Re Item V

1 Cited documents

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 US 1 348 387 A (ARMSTRONG MORGAN K) 3 August 1920
(1920-08-03)

D2 US 3 832 250 A (PEARSON H) 27 August 1974 (1974-08-27)

2 Independent claims 1 and 11

2.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(2) PCT, because the subject-matter of claims 1 and 11 is not novel.

2.2 D1 (figures 1-10; page 2, lines 14-44; page 2, lines 74-114) (the references in parentheses applying to this document) discloses:

Claim 1:

Apparatus for furnishing a liner with a layer of stucco slurry, comprising at least:

- a conveying device (14,15) for conveying a liner (11), said conveyor device defining a transport direction;
- a stucco slurry feeder device (26) for casting stucco slurry onto the liner (11);
- a stucco slurry distribution device (16,17) for distributing stucco slurry cast onto the liner (11); and
- at least one stripper device (20) for stripping stucco slurry from lateral portions of the liner.

Claim 11:

Method for furnishing a liner (11) with a layer of stucco slurry of defined width, wherein

- a liner (11) is provided and continuously conveyed along a transport direction;
- a stucco slurry is cast onto a surface of the liner (11);
- the stucco slurry is distributed across the liner (11); and
- the stucco slurry is removed from lateral portions of the liner (11), and a liner with a layer of stucco slurry of defined width is obtained.

2.3 D2 (figures 1,2; column 4, lines 37-75) discloses also all features of independent claims 1 and 11.

3 Dependent claims

- 3.1 Dependent claims 2-7,10,12,14 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step.
- 3.1.1 D1 (figures 1-10; page 2, lines 14-44; page 2, lines 74-114; page 3, lines 3-45; page 3, lines 104-129) discloses the subject matter of claims 2,3,6,7,11,12 and the subject matter of claims 4 and 5 is considered as an obvious development starting from D1.
- 3.1.2 D2 (column 5, lines 9-15) discloses the subject matter of claims 10 and 14.
- 3.2 Dependent claims 8,9 and 13,15 in combination with the claims to which they refer seem to involve an inventive step in the sense of Art. 33(3) PCT.

4 Industrial applicability

- 4.1 The subject matter of claims 1-15 is considered as being industrially applicable (Article 33(4) PCT).

Re Item VII

- 5 Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.

Possible steps after receipt of the international search report (ISR) and written opinion of the International Searching Authority (WO/ISA)

General information

For all international applications, the competent International Searching Authority (**ISA**) will establish an international search report (**ISR**) accompanied by a written opinion of the International Searching Authority (**WO/ISA**). The **WO/ISA** may be responded to by

- filing informal comments with the **International Bureau of WIPO (IB)** (where no demand for international preliminary examination (**demand**) is filed)
- filing amendments under Art. 19 PCT (this can be done whether or not a **demand** is filed)
- filing amendments under Art. 34 PCT and/or formal observations in response to objections raised in the **WO/ISA** (where a **demand** is actually filed)

This document explains these possibilities.

Filing informal comments

After receipt of the **ISR** and **WO/ISA**, the applicant may file informal comments on the **WO/ISA**, **directly with the IB** (see International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines 2.15). These will be communicated to the designated/elected Offices, together with the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (**IPRP**) at 30 months from the priority date.

Amending claims under Art. 19 PCT

The applicant may file **amended claims** under Art. 19 PCT, **directly with the IB** by the later of the following dates:

- 2 months from the date of mailing of the **ISR** and the **WO/ISA**
- 16 months from the priority date

However, any such amendment received by the **IB** after the expiration of the applicable time limit shall be **considered to have been received on time** by the **IB**, if it reaches it **before** the technical preparations for international publication have been completed (the 15th day prior to the date of publication, see PCT Applicant's Guide, International Phase, 9.013).

For further information, please see Rule 46 PCT as well as form PCT/ISA/220.

Please also note that, when filing amended claims under Art. 19 PCT, such amendments shall be **accompanied by a letter** identifying the amendments made and also the basis for the amendments in the application as originally filed (Rule 46.5(b) PCT). Where a **demand** is filed, failure to comply with this requirement may result in the amendments being ignored in the International Preliminary Examination Report (**IPER**), see Rule 70.2(c-bis) PCT.
