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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

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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.
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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>1-38</u>
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	<u>1-38</u>
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	<u>1-38</u>
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rules 43bis.1 and 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rules 43bis.1 and 70.9)

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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

Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement.

[1] Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1 ERICSSON: "Discussion on potential paging enhancements for UE power savings",
3GPP DRAFT; R1-2009200, 3RD GENERATION PARTNERSHIP
PROJECT (3GPP), MOBILE COMPETENCE CENTRE ; 650, ROUTE DES
LUCIOLES ; F-06921 SOPHIA-ANTIPOLIS CEDEX ; FRANCE
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vol. RAN WG1, no. e-Meeting; 20201026 - 20201113 24 October 2020
(2020-10-24), XP051946891,
Retrieved from the Internet:
URL:[https://ftp.3gpp.org/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_103-e/Docs/
R1-2009200.zip](https://ftp.3gpp.org/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_103-e/Docs/R1-2009200.zip) R1-2009200 Discussion on potential paging enhancements
for UE power savings.docx
[retrieved on 2020-10-24]
- D2 QUALCOMM INCORPORATED: "Paging enhancements for idle/inactive
UE power saving",
3GPP DRAFT; R1-2104682, 3RD GENERATION PARTNERSHIP
PROJECT (3GPP), MOBILE COMPETENCE CENTRE ; 650, ROUTE DES
LUCIOLES ; F-06921 SOPHIA-ANTIPOLIS CEDEX ; FRANCE
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vol. RAN WG1, no. e-Meeting; 20210510 - 20210527 12 May 2021
(2021-05-12), XP052010933,
Retrieved from the Internet:
URL:[https://ftp.3gpp.org/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_105-e/Docs/
R1-2104682.zip](https://ftp.3gpp.org/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_105-e/Docs/R1-2104682.zip) R1-2104682 Paging enhancements for idle inactive UE
power saving.docx
[retrieved on 2021-05-12]
- D3 ERICSSON: "Summary of [AT116-e][046][ePowSav] Paging Early
Indication",
3GPP DRAFT; R2-2111562, 3RD GENERATION PARTNERSHIP
PROJECT (3GPP), MOBILE COMPETENCE CENTRE ; 650, ROUTE DES
LUCIOLES ; F-06921 SOPHIA-ANTIPOLIS CEDEX ; FRANCE

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vol. RAN WG2, no. eMeeting; 20211101 - 20211112 16 November 2021
(2021-11-16), XP052077503,
Retrieved from the Internet:
URL:https://ftp.3gpp.org/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_116-e/Docs/
R2-2111562.zip R2-2111562 Summary of [AT116-e][046][ePowSav]
Paging Early Indication.docx
[retrieved on 2021-11-16]

[2] D1 is regarded as being the prior art closest to the subject-matter of claim 1, and discloses (see for example page 2 figure 1)

A method by a wireless device comprising:
receiving, from the network node, the PEI; and based on the mapping of the PEI to ~~the plurality of paging occasions, monitoring (1206) a shared channel during the plurality of~~
~~paging occasions~~ a paging occasion monitor a shared channel during the paging occasion.

[3] The subject-matter of claim 1 therefore differs from this known D1 in that the PEI is mapped to a plurality of paging occasions instead to a one to one mapping:

(1 PEI ---> 1 PO)

[4] The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as how to reduce the overhead and power consumption for the network (gNB) in idle mode.

[5] The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) because starting from D1 and trying to solve the problem of reducing the network overhead and power consumption in idle mode, the person skilled in the art would not have been hinted to the solution proposed in claim 1.

PEI transmission is an additional cost for the NW/gNB in idle mode, in terms of resources not available for data transmission, and due to the need to wake up from sleep states to perform additional transmissions. There may also be cases where the NW regularly needs to go active only to transmit PEI. In the prior art the PEI is considered as a one-to-one mapping, i.e., one PEI per PO. This, in turn, means the NW has to send one additional signal in idle mode for each PO, leading to a large NW overhead and power consumption. The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) because starting from D1 and trying to solve this problem the person skilled in the art

would not have been hinted to the solution proposed in claim 1.

[6] The above analysis equally applies to independent claims 14, 35 and 36. which are related to the same subject-matter as claim 1.

[7] The dependent claims 2-13 and 15-34 meet therefore as well the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

Re Item VI

Documents D2 and D3 are PX documents. The priority of the application has been accordingly checked and is valid.

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

[8.1]The independent claims are not in the two-part form in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT, which in the present case would be appropriate, with those features known in combination from the prior art D1 being placed in the preamble (Rule 6.3(b)(i) PCT) and the remaining features being included in the characterising part (Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT).

[8.2]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.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

[9.1]The vague and imprecise statement "spirit" in the description in last paragraph implies that the subject-matter for which protection is sought may be different to that defined by the claims, thereby resulting in a lack of clarity of the claims (Article 6 PCT) when the description is used to interpret the claims. This statement should therefore be amended to remove this inconsistency.

9.2 Although claims 35 and 37 have been drafted as separate independent claims, they appear to relate effectively to the same subject-matter and to differ from each other only with regard to the definition of the subject-matter for which protection is sought and/or in

respect of the terminology used for the features of that subject-matter. The aforementioned claims therefore lack conciseness and as such do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT.

The same reasoning applies to corresponding claims 36 and 38.

In order to overcome these objections claims 37 and 38 should be deleted.