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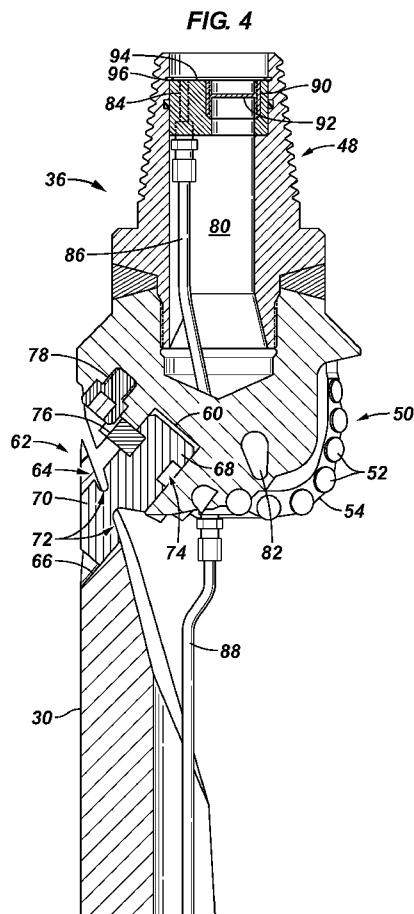
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(57) Abstract: A system and method facilitate drilling of lateral wellbores by optionally eliminating one or more trips downhole. The system and method provide for drilling a lateral wellbore by enabling the milling of a casing window and the drilling of the desired lateral wellbore to a target depth during a single trip down hole. The system and method also facilitate better downhole dynamics control and improved overall bottom hole assembly functionality during drilling.

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PCT/US2012/027322**Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

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1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

Independent claims 1, 11 are directed to a system for facilitating drilling of a lateral wellbore and a method of facilitating drilling of a lateral wellbore. Independent claim 18 is directed to a system for facilitating drilling of a lateral wellbore.

The common technical features which claim 18 is sharing with claims 1, 11 include:

a) a steerable drilling assembly having a cutting implement enabling both milling through a casing and partially drilling a lateral wellbore in a single trip b) a whipstock releasably coupled to the cutting implement by an attachment member

However, these technical features lack novelty/inventive step with respect to US 2005/0039905 A1 (Hart, Daniel et al.). Thus independent claim 18 does not share any technical relationship left over the prior art with independent claims 1, 11 leaving the claims without a single general inventive concept. Hence, there is lack of unity a posteriori (PCT Rule 13.1 and 13.2).

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