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Reason for the limitation of the search:

Claims 1 and 8 have been drafted as separate independent claims. Under Article 84 in combination with Rule 43(2) EPC, an application may contain more than one independent claim in a particular category only if the subject-matter claimed falls within one or more of the exceptional situations set out in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of Rule 43(2) EPC. This is not the case in the present application. In reply to the invitation pursuant to Rule 62a(1) EPC to indicate the claims on which the search is to be based, the applicant elected claim 1 to be searched.

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