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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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| Applicant's or agent's file reference MSD/PCT/1043 | FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below. | |
| International application No. PCT/IN2011/000268 | International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 25 Apr. 2011(25.04.2011) | (Earliest)Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 09 Mar. 2011(09.03.2011) |
| Applicant ANURADHA SAHU | | |

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 5 sheets.

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:

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 43.6bis(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.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows: IMPROVED PROCESS FOR DRY FLOWER CRAFT

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box 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. _____

as suggested by the applicant

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

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

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

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

An improved process for dry flower craft which comprises cutting craft media (dry botanicals with stencils) and mounting the same on any surface of product with combination of other botanical elements like bamboo, grass, weeds, seed, stem, tendrils, fiber, solawood in any desired manner including artistic manner, which comprises reducing color loss while drying and storage of vegetation and also during crafting of the vegetation, making stencils of cheapest materials such as carboard and paper, cutting out motifs; shaping the petals in any desired shape, pasting the same with known adhesives, characterized in that botanicals are dried prior to floral collage decoupage by drying while using mixture desiccant of silica gel + silver sand + non iodised salts (1:1:1 ratio), finally obtaining floral decoupage or only floral collage or a combination of both in design processing as application of the craft, making the floral resin laminates by reducing the peroxide harder by 1%.

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| A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER | | | | |
| See extra sheet | | | | |
| 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) | | | | |
| IPC:A01N3/-, B44C5/- | | | | |
| 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) | | | | |
| EPODOC, WPI, CNPAT, CNKI: ANURADHA SAHU, craft, floral, botanical, collage, decoupage, flower, petal, desiccant, sand, silica gel, salt, NaCl, stencil, template, motif, dry | | | | |
| C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT | | | | |
| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. | | |
| A | US5656343A (BAKER Marion A.) 12 Aug. 1997(12.08.1997) the whole document | 1-7 | | |
| A | JP2005-255620A (CORONET KK.) 22 Sep. 2005(22.09.2005)the whole document | 1-7 | | |
| A | JP2007-332038A(MIURA, Yasuo et al.) 27 Dec. 2007(27.12.2007)the whole document | 1-7 | | |
| A | CN1268451A(HE, Nong) 04 Oct.2000(04.10.2000)the whole document | 1-7 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See patent family annex. | | | | |
| <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> <p>* Special categories of cited documents:</p> <p>“A” document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance</p> <p>“E” earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date</p> <p>“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)</p> <p>“O” document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means</p> <p>“P” document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> <p>“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</p> <p>“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</p> <p>“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</p> <p>“&”document member of the same patent family</p> </td> </tr> </table> | | | <p>* Special categories of cited documents:</p> <p>“A” document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance</p> <p>“E” earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date</p> <p>“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)</p> <p>“O” document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means</p> <p>“P” document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed</p> | <p>“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</p> <p>“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</p> <p>“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</p> <p>“&”document member of the same patent family</p> |
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| Date of the actual completion of the international search | Date of mailing of the international search report | | | |
| 09 Nov. 2011(09.11.2011) | 15 Dec. 2011 (15.12.2011) | | | |
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Information on patent family members

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| Patent Documents referred in the Report | Publication Date | Patent Family | Publication Date |
|---|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| US5656343A | 12.08.1997 | CA2173769A1 | 12.10.1996 |
| JP2005-255620A | 22.09.2005 | TW200529747A | 16.09.2005 |
| JP2007-332038A | 27.12.2007 | None | |
| CN1268451A | 04.10.2000 | None | |

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

A01N3/00 (2006.01) i

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

(PCT Rule 43 *bis.1*)

To:

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See Supplemental Box

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 43*bis.1*(a)(1) with regard to novelty, inventive step or 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 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 66.1*bis*(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.

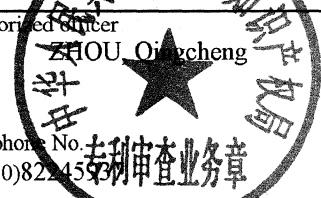
For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Date of completion of this opinion
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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. a sequence listing filed or furnished
 - on paper
 - in electronic form
 - b. time of filing or furnishing
 - contained in the applicant as filed
 - filed together with the application in electronic form
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search
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 in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
5. Additional comments:

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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:

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | 1-7 | YES |
| | Claims | None | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | 1-7 | YES |
| | Claims | None | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1-7 | YES |
| | Claims | None | NO |

2. Citations and explanations

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: CN1268451A (04.10.2000)

I. Novelty

1. The subject-matter of claim 1 refers to a improved process for floral botanical collage decoupage, D1 is the closest prior art, which discloses that the dry flower is mounted on the surface of base board which can be cut into any desired shape, and the flower is pasting in any desired shape with known adhesives, and finally a dry flower craft can be obtained. Difference between claim 1 and disclosure of D1 is that D1 dose not disclose the combination of other botanical elements like bamboo, grass, weeds, seeds, stem, tendrils, fiber, solawood, which can reduce the oxidation and isomerisation of carotenoid and anthocyanin and hence reduce the colour loss while drying and storage of vegetation and during crafting of the vegetation, making stencils by cheapest materials such as carboard and paper, cutting out motiffs, and botanicals are dried prior to floral collage decoupage by drying while using mixture of desiccant silica gel + silver sand + non iodised salts (1:1:1 ratio). Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-7 are new in sense of Article 33 (2) PCT.

II. Inventive step

1. There are said different features between claim 1 and disclosure of D1, wherein the combination of other botanical elements like bamboo, grass, weeds, seeds, stem, tendrils, fiber, solawood, reducing the oxidation and isomerisation of carotenoid and anthocyanin and hence reducing the colour loss while drying and storage of vegetation and during crafting of the vegetation, making stencils by cheapest materials such as carboard and paper, cutting out motiffs are matter that a person skilled in the art could appropriately specify according to the required physical properties. However, botanicals are dried prior to floral collage decoupage by drying while using mixture of desiccant silica gel + silver sand + non iodised salts (1:1:1 ratio) of the claim 1 is neither disclosed by other documents, nor the common knowledge in the art. Therefore claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-7 meet the inventive step criteria set out in Article 33 (3) PCT.

III. Industrial applicability

The inventions of claims 1-7 can be made or used in the field of preparing dry flower craft. Therefore they meet the industrial applicability criteria set out in Article 33(4) PCT.

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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:

1. Claims 1,3-5 do not meet the requirements of article 6 PCT, there is a repetition statement of "an improved process" in claim 1, and there are many spelling errors, "isomeriston", "anthocynin", "shaped" "silicagel", "silversand" in claim 1; "neutrient" in claim 3; "senescens" in claim 4; "isomeriston" and "anthocynin" in claim 5.
2. Multiple dependent claim shall not serve as a basis for other multiple dependent claim, therefore, Claims 5-7 do not meet the requirements of Rule 6.4(a) PCT.

Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of cover sheet:

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

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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)

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| Applicant ANURADHA SAHU | |

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.
Where? 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 the notes on the accompanying sheet.

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 the 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**
 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 as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

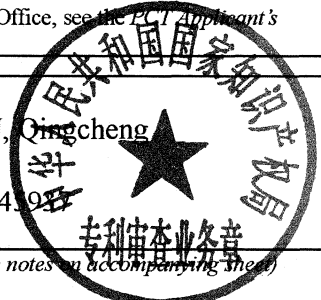
The applicant may submit comments on an informal basis on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority to the International Bureau. The International Bureau will send a copy of such comments to all designated Offices unless an international preliminary examination report has been or is to be established. These comments would also be made available to the public but not before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

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.

See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapters.

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NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under Article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

In these Notes, "Article," "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions, respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only (see *PCT Applicant's Guide*).

The attention of the applicant is drawn to the fact that amendments to the claims under Article 19 are not allowed where the International Searching Authority has declared, under Article 17(2), that no international search report would be established (see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 296).

What parts of the international application may be amended ?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When ? Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments ?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/is filed, see below.

How ? Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet or sheets containing a complete set of claims in replacement of all the claims previously filed must be submitted.

Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively in Arabic numerals (Section 205(a)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments ?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220 (continued)

The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
“Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added.”
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
“Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11.”
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
“Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added.” or
“Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged.”
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
“Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added.”

“Statement under Article 19(1)” (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international application is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words “Statement under Article 19(1).”

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments and any accompanying statement, under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the time of filing the amendments (and any statement) with the International Bureau, also file with the International Preliminary Examining Authority a copy of such amendments (and of any statement) and, where required, a translation of such amendments for the procedure before that Authority (see Rules 55.3(a) and 62.2, first sentence). For further information, see the Notes to the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401).

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, the written opinion of the International Searching Authority will, except in certain cases where the International Preliminary Examining Authority did not act as International Searching Authority and where it has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1*bis*(b), be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority. If a demand is made, the applicant may submit to the International Preliminary Examining Authority a reply to the written opinion 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 (Rule 43*bis*.1(c)).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see the PCT Applicant's Guide, National Chapters.