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EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION NO. 21710022.1

TITLE: An extinguishing system and an extinguishing method

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Dear Sirs,

The European Patent Office "EPO" has indicated its willingness to grant this patent application by issuing a Communication under Rule 71(3) EPC together with the application text (EDREX) as proposed for grant, copies of which are enclosed.

We are herewith requested to file translations of the claims into French and German and to pay the official fee (1080€) for grant including the fee for printing by the due date of **5 January 2026**.

As shown by the text (EDREX) as proposed for grant, the examiner does not propose changes to the claims of the present application.

Please let us know by **5 November 2025** whether you approve the text as proposed for grant. Please also give us your approval to proceed by preparing the requested DE and FR translations of the claims and paying the official fees.

Validations and Unitary Patent (UP):

This is also a convenient stage to review the case to decide in which of the designated states it is commercially important to have a European patent in force. Please review the list of the designated states on the front page of the communication and let us know by **5 December 2025** in which states the European patent is to be validated.

In addition to / instead of validating a European patent in each state separately, it is also possible to request unitary effect to obtain a Unitary Patent (UP) based on a European patent. A Unitary Patent is in force in Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal,



Romania, Slovenia, and Sweden. This is also a convenient stage to decide whether you want to request a Unitary Patent (UP).

Please let us know by **5 November 2025** whether you want to request the unitary effect to obtain a Unitary Patent (UP).

Possibility to file divisional application:

You have a possibility to file one or more divisional applications based on this patent application. Any divisional application can be filed as long as this application is pending, and no later than one day prior to the issuance of the European patent. We will let you know the exact due date when we are notified of the grant by the EPO. In this case, the independent claim was allowed in the broad form as originally filed, and thus it seems challenging to identify from the present application subject matter that is i) patentable over the cited prior art, but ii) not covered by the now allowed independent claims. Thus, in this case, we do not see potential material for a divisional application. If you, however, want to file one or more divisional applications, please inform us by **5 November 2025**.

The invention under consideration:

The invention relates to an extinguishing system that comprises a wall section for surrounding an object on fire and a floor section connected to the wall section and for supporting the object. The object can be for example an electric or hybrid vehicle that comprises a battery. The wall section and the floor section constitute a pool for containing firefighting water covering at least partly the object. The wall section comprises a guillotine door configured to allow the object to enter the pool when the guillotine door is in an upper position and to seal the pool to be capable of containing the firefighting water when the guillotine door is in a lower position. The guillotine door is straightforward to set in the lower position in which it seals the pool just by releasing the guillotine door to drop.

Other countries:

Corresponding applications have been filed in FI, SG, and CN. So far, the Finnish patent FI129672 and the Singapore patent 11202110052X have been granted. The Chinese application has been allowed to lapse in accordance with applicant's instructions of 2 November 2023.

Yours faithfully,
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