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## In response to the opposition filed of EyeC GmbH

### 1. Requests

It is requested that the opposition be rejected.

Should the Opposition Division be minded to issue any decision other than rejection of the opposition, oral proceedings are requested.

As a measure of precaution, it is requested that the patent be maintained on the basis of the enclosed auxiliary requests 1 to 4.

### 2. Alleged violation of Article 123 (2) EPC

The arguments presented by the opponent basically say that claim 1 as granted is based on an intermediate generalization. This however is not correct.

The opponent argues in [08] that in the application as originally filed, it is disclosed that each of the suction sections has a suction box in which a vacuum is created, while claim 1 as granted leaves open whether or not the upstream and the downstream suction sections have a suction box.