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Dear Sirs,

In response to the communication pursuant to Rule 69 and Rule 70a(1) EPC dated 13.06.2022, examination is hereby requested and examination and designation fees are paid herewith. Also, observations concerning the deficiencies noted in the opinion accompanying the Extended European Search Report (EESR) are respectfully submitted herewith together with amended claims 1-15 in clean and marked-up versions.

Claim amendments

- Amended claim 1 more clearly defines that the first liquid outlet is for the separated liquid heavy phase and second liquid outlet is for the separated liquid light phase. Support for this is i.a. found on p. 2, lines 29-30, of the application as filed.

- Further, amended claim 1 now also specifies that the separator comprises “a third set of outlets for discharging sludge and liquid heavy phase accumulated in the sludge space”. Support for this is found on p. 4, lines 17-19, of the application as filed.

- The claims have been renumbered accordingly.