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LACK OF UNITIY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-6, 10-15

Nickel manganese cobalt composite hydroxide, lithium nickel manganese cobalt composite oxide and lithium ion secondary battery containing the same

2. claims: 7-9

Method for producing a nickel manganese cobalt composite hydroxide

All further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present (supplementary) European search report has been drawn up for all claims.

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