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Decision to grant a European patent pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC

Following examination of European patent application No. 15203153.0 a European patent with the title and the supporting documents indicated in the communication pursuant to Rule 71(3) EPC (EPO Form 2004C) or in the information (EPO Form 2004W, cf. Notice from the EPO dated 8 June 2015, OJ EPO 2015, A52) dated 24.01.23 is hereby granted in respect of the designated Contracting States.

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This decision will take effect on the date on which the European Patent Bulletin mentions the grant (Art. 97(3) EPC).

The mention of the grant will be published in European Patent Bulletin 23/27 of 05.07.23.

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