Dear ABC IP,

I am unable to proceed with an international-type search based on this provisional application because “of the broad and/or vague nature of the description of the invention and/or because you have asked me to search for more than one invention.” [The examiner must state the reason(s) why an international search is not possible; examples of prior art documents that clearly demonstrate the broad nature of the invention may be included; in relation to lack of unity, the examiner should include a statement inviting the applicant to indicate which invention is to be searched and advising that we are prepared to search one or more of the other inventions upon payment of a search fee for each invention required to be searched (see the Patents Regulations, Schedule 7, item 236 for the fee payable)].

To provide a quality search, I need to base the search on a search statement that is clear and concise. This statement should identify the invention you want me to search and should be directed to one invention only.

Please respond to this letter by 14 October 2018 identifying the invention that you want me to search. If you identify more than one invention, you will have to pay $950 for each extra invention that you want searched.

We will endeavour to issue the results of the search within 6 weeks of receipt of your response.

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Yours sincerely,

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