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54 **A moving walkway.**

57 A moving walkway which has a main support belt (50) having a secondary support belt (51) which lies thereover over most of the run of the main support belt but extends therebeyond at each end thereof to terminate closely adjacent a further support belt (20) with means (10) between the secondary support belt and the further support belt over which a passenger can pass whilst being propelled forwardly by either the secondary support belt (51) or the further support belt (20).

Also described is a hand rail assembly, the speed of which can vary so as to be complementary to the variations in the speed of the walkway

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CLAIMS INCURRING FEES

The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- ☐ All claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for all claims.
- ☐ Only part of the claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claims:
- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

X LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

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

namely:

1. Claims 1-5: Moving walkway where speed of passenger is gradually increased with relatively high speed main section and at least one lower speed intermediate section.
2. Claims 6-9: Variable speed handrail for moving walkway

- ☐ All further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for all claims.
- ☐ Only part of the further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the inventions in respect of which search fees have been paid, namely claims:
- ☒ None of the further search fees has been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims, namely claims: 1-5