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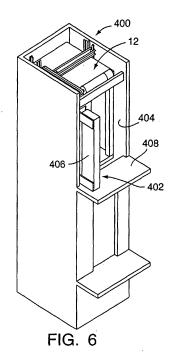
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#### (54) Elevator system having drive motor located adjacent to hoistway door

(57) An elevator system includes a hoistway (12) having a plurality of hoistway doors (404). An elevator car and counterweight are provided in the hoistway. A drive motor is drivingly coupled to the elevator car and counterweight, and is located adjacent to either the top or bottom portion of a hoistway door. A control cabinet (402) having a drive motor controller (406) supported thereon is disposed at a side of a hoistway door (404) and slidably movable from a first position within the hoistway (12) to a second position in an adjacent elevator hallway for easy and safe access to the controller (406).



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LACK OF UNITY 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:
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All further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for all claims.
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### LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION **SHEET B**

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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: 1-5

relative location of controller, landing door and drive unit

2. claim: 11

Flat rope for connecting counterweight and car

3. claims: 12-14

Roping and drive system

4. claim: 15

Hollow support columns containing counterweight

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