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## (54) High function lifelike pipe and pipe cartridge therefor

(57) Providing with a high function lifelike pipe and pipe cartridge, which can improve the air conductance of the smoking pipe and expand the scope of the available materials for the inhalation. A high function lifelike pipe comprises a pipe body (10) which a cartridge (2) for holding both one ore more luxury goods and a heater for heating the luxury goods are inserted inside, has a mouthpiece (11) at the proximal end and a bowl (12,13) at the distal end with the cartridge (2) being inserted and an air hole (17), an electro-mechanical switch (14) which rotationally deflects responding to the air flow generated

by the inhalation through the mouthpiece (11) and changes its ON/OFF state, a light emitting device (15) arranged so as to partially mask the opening of the distal end of the bowl (12,13), a control circuit (19) for detecting the inhalation based on the ON/OFF of the electro-mechanical switch (14) to control the light emitting device (15) to emit a light, and an electric power supply (16), embedded in the bowl (12,13), for at least supplying the electric power to the light emitting device (15) and control circuit (19), wherein a portion of bowl (12) is separable from the other (13).

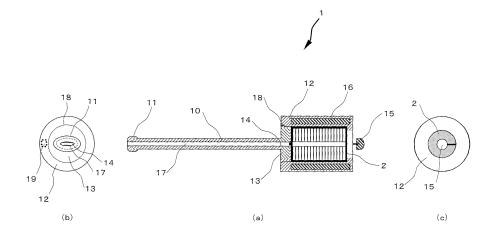


FIG.1



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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:
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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: 1-3

A high function lifelike pipe comprising: a pipe body having a mouthpiece at the proximal end and a bowl to store one or more luxury goods and a heater at the distal end. an electro-mechanical switch which changes its ON/OFF state depending on the rotational deflection of its own metal chip responding to the air flow generated by inhalation through said mouthpiece, or a sensor for transforming the stress occurs depending on the air flow generated by the inhalation through said mouthpiece to electrical signals to be output, a light emitting device arranged to mask an opening at the distal end of said bowl partially, a control circuit for detecting the inhalation based on the ON/OFF of said electro-mechanical switch to control said light emitting device to emit a light, or responding to said electrical signal transmitted by said sensor and an electric power supply embedded in said bowl at least supplying the electric power to said light emitting device subject to the control by said control circuit.

2. claims: 4-9

A pipe cartridge being inserted in the bowl of the high function lifelike pipe of any one of claim 1 through claim 3, storing one or more luxury goods and a heater for heating said luxury goods inside.

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