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To:

Dr. Nyoman Suwartha

Managing Editor

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Dear Dr,

Manuscript ID: MME-2344

Manuscript Title: "PVdF-HFP QUASI-SOLID-STATE ELECTROLYTE FOR APPLICATION IN DYE-SENSITIZED SOLAR CELL "

Re: Response to initial screening test

Your initial screening test report dated 10 August 2018 is referred.

1) We noticed that the high similarity/plagiarism rate of our manuscript is due to the inclusion of the following during similarity/plagiarism check:

- (a) **technical terminologies** such as “quasi-solid-state electrolyte”, “dye-sensitized solar cell”, “poly(vinylidene fluoride-co-hexafluoropropylene)”, “propylene carbonate”, “1,2-dimethoxyethane”, “1-methyl-3-propylimidazolium iodide”, “di-tetrabutylammonium cis-bis(isothiocyanato) bis(2,2'-bipyridyl-4,4'-dicarboxylato) ruthenium (II)”, etc
- (b) **name and format of International Journal of Technology**
- (c) **authors' names, affiliations and contact details**
- (d) **mathematical formulas, symbols and units**

We would like to request **an exclusion of item (a) - (d) during similarity/plagiarism check as they are not revisable.**

Similarity reports with inclusion and exclusion of item (a) - (d) are attached for your reference.

Similarity rate with **inclusion** of item (a) – (d) is **32%**; similarity rate with **exclusion** of item (a) – (d) is **9%**.

2) Secondly, we have also included additional experimental results in our revised manuscript so that the manuscript is now 10 pages in maximum.

We thank you for your kind consideration of our request.

Yours sincerely,

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