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Mr Frederik REINBOLD has been employed as a patent examiner at the European Patent Office (EPO) in The Hague, Netherlands, from 01/06/2001 until 31/10/2002 (17 months).

He has received training and worked as a search examiner and as a substantive examiner in the following technical fields (cf. International Patent Classification scheme):

- A61B17 Surgical instruments, devices or methods
- A61B18 Surgical instruments for transferring non-mechanical forms of energy
- A61B19 Instruments for surgery or diagnosis, e.g. stereotaxis
- A61F7 Heating or cooling appliances for medical or therapeutical treatment
- A61N7 Ultrasound therapy

His tasks have included searching documents on paper and on line, establishing search reports, carrying out communications in writing or orally with applicants or their representatives, as well as preparing application files for granting as first member of an examining division.

He has carried out his tasks and showed working knowledge in all three languages of the EPO, i.e. English, German and French.

Mr Reinbold has left the EPO of his own volition on 01/11/2002, after having been confirmed in his post as patent examiner on 01/06/2002.

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