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II Medinol Ltd v. Abbott Ireland and Abbot Vascular International BCBA & Others, High Court, Commercial List Dublin (High Court, Commercial List Dublin), 27 May 2011

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The Court cited the parallel proceedings between the parties in the United Kingdom, where the approach of the EPO Board of Appeal in T331/87 Houdaille/Removal of Feature [1991] EPOR 194 was applied, and concluded that the changes in the patent amount to added matter.

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