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of 26 June 2006

Case Number: T 0355/06 - 3.5.02

Application Number: 02255664.1

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Title of invention:

Reverse flow stator ventilation system for superconducting synchronous machine

Applicant:

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Opponent:

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Headword:

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Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108

EPC R. 65(1)

Keyword:

"Missing Statement of Grounds"

Decisions cited:

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D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.02
of 26 June 2006

Appellant: GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 27 September 2005
refusing European application No. 02255664.1
pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: W. J. L. Wheeler
Members: J.-M. Cannard
C. Holtz

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office posted 27 September 2005, refusing the European patent application No. 02255664.1.

The Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal by a letter received on 29 November 2005 and paid the fee for appeal on the same day. No Statement of Grounds was filed. The Notice of Appeal contains nothing that could be regarded as a Statement of Grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC.

- II. By a communication dated 13 April 2006, sent by registered letter with advice of delivery, the Registry of the Board informed the Appellant that no Statement of Grounds has been filed and that the appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The Appellant was invited to file observations within two months and attention was drawn to the possibility of filing a request for re-establishment of rights under Article 122 EPC.

- III. No answer has been given within the given time limit to the Registry's communication.

Reasons for the Decision

As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal has been filed, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Article 108 EPC in conjunction with Rule 65(1) EPC).

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:

The Chairman:

U. Bultmann

W. J. L. Wheeler