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**Datasheet for the decision
of 15 April 2008**

Case Number: T 1497/07 - 3.3.01

Application Number: 96303675.1

Publication Number: 0747366

IPC: C07D 251/60

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:

Melamine of improved purity produced by high-pressure, non-catalytic process

Patentee:

DSM Melamine BV

Opponent:

Agrolinz Melamin GmbH

Headword:

Process for producing melamine/DSM MELAMINE B.V.

Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108
EPC R. 101(1)

Relevant legal provisions (EPC 1973):

EPC Art. 65(1)

Keyword:

"Missing statement of grounds"

Decisions cited:

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Catchword:

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D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.01
of 15 April 2008

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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Opposition Division of the
European Patent Office posted 6 July 2007
revoking European patent No. 0747366 pursuant
to Article 102(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: P. Ranguis
Members: J.-B. Ousset
C.-P. Brandt

Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. The appeal contests the decision of the Opposition Division of the European Patent Office dispatched by registered letter with advice of delivery to the Proprietor on 6 July 2007, revoking European patent No.0 747 366.

The Appellant (Proprietor) filed a Notice of Appeal by a letter received on 5 September 2007 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 28 December 2007, sent by registered post, the Registrar 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 informed about the possibility of filing a request for re-establishment of rights under Article 122 EPC and was invited to file observations within two months.

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 101(1) EPC (formerly Rule 65(1) EPC 1973)).

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:

The Chairman:

N. Maslin

P. Ranguis