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**Datasheet for the decision
of 3 August 2010**

Case Number: T 0767/10 - 3.3.07

Application Number: 03756687.4

Publication Number: 1552878

IPC: B01D 61/04

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:

Microporous Hydrophilic Membrane

Applicant:

Asahi Kasei Medical Co., Ltd.

Opponent:

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Headword:

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Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108
EPC R. 101(1)

Relevant legal provisions (EPC 1973):

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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 3.3.07
of 3 August 2010

Appellant: Asahi Kasei Medical Co., Ltd.
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 2 November 2010
refusing European patent application
No. 03756687.4 pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: S. Perryman
Members: B. ter Laan
G. Santavicca

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office dated 20 October 2009 refusing the European patent application No. 03756687.4. The decision was dispatched by registered letter with advice of delivery on 02 November 2009. The applicant filed a notice of appeal by letter received on 04 January 2010 and paid the fee for appeal on 04 January 2010. 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 20 April 2010 and sent by registered post, the Registry of the Board informed the Appellant that no Statement of Grounds had been filed and that the appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The Appellant was invited to file observations within two months.

- III. The Appellant filed no observations in response to said 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).

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:

The Chairman:

S. Fabiani

S. Perryman