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Title of invention:

Catalysts and their use in the hydrolysis of nitriles

Patentee:

ALLIED COLLOIDS LIMITED

Opponent:

SNF

Headword:

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Relevant legal provisions:

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of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.1
of 22 November 1994

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Decision under appeal:

Decision of the Opposition Division of the
European Patent Office dated 29 March 1994
rejecting the opposition filed against European
patent No. 0 246 813 pursuant to Article 102(2)
EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: A. Jahn
Members: P. Krasa
R. E. Teschemacher

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Opposition Division of the European Patent Office dated 29 March 1994, rejecting the opposition against the patent No. 0 246 813 pursuant to Article 102(2) EPC.

The Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal on 1 June 1994 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 9 September 1994, 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 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:

E. Görgmaier

A. Jahn