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D E C I S I O N
of 23 September 1996

Case Number: T 0600/96 - 3.3.1

Application Number: 90911839.0

Publication Number: WO 91/01361

IPC: C10L 1/30

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:

Method for catalyzing fuel for powering internal combustion engines

Applicant:

Fuel Tech N.V.

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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Catchword:

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D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.1
of 23 September 1996

Appellant: Fuel Tech N.V.
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 30 January 1996
refusing European patent application
No. 90 911 839.0 pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: A. J. Nuss
Members: J. M. Jonk
R. E. Teschemacher

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office posted 30 January 1996 refusing the European patent application No. 90 911 839.0. The Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal by a letter received on 9 April 1996 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 10 July 1996, sent by registered letter with advice of delivery, 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 65(1) EPC).

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

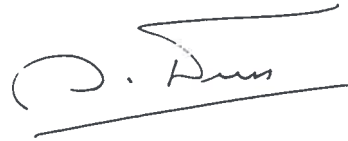
The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:



E. Gorgmaler

The Chairman:



A. Nuss