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of 15 December 1997

Case Number: T 0975/97 - 3.4.2

Application Number: 90308085.1

Publication Number: 0425076

IPC: G02B 6/12

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:

Process for making intergrated optics chips having high electro-optic coefficients

Applicant:

Litton Systems, Inc.

Opponent:

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Headword:

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Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108

EPC R. 65(1)

Keyword:

"Missing statements of grounds"

Decisions cited:

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D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.4.2
of 15 December 1997

Appellant:

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Decision under appeal:

Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 14 April 1997
refusing European patent application
No. 90 308 085.1 pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: E. Turrini
Members: A. G. Klein
M. Lewenton

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office dated 14 April 1997 refusing the European patent application No. 90 308 085.1. The Appellant filed a notice of appeal by letter received on 16 June 1997 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 26 September 1997 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.
- III. No answer has been given to the Registry's communication.

Reasons for the Decision

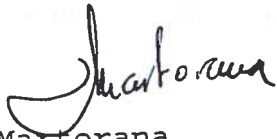
As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal has been filed, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Article 108 EPC in conjunction with Rule 65(1) EPC).

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

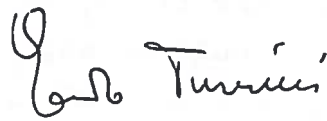
The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:



P. Martorana

The Chairman:



E. Turrini

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