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of 16 December 1998

Case Number: T 0774/98 - 3.4.1

Application Number: 92307676.4

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IPC: G01T 1/202

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:

Planar X-ray imager having a moisture-resistant sealing structure

Applicant:

General Electric Company

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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D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.4.1
of 16 December 1998

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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 2 March 1998
refusing European patent application
No. 92 307 676.4 pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: G. Davies
Members: U. G. O Himmler
H. K. Wolfrum

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office dated 2 March 1998 refusing the European patent application No. 92 307 676.4.

The appellant filed a notice of appeal by letter received on 6 April 1998 and paid the fee for appeal on the same date. No statement of grounds was filed. The notice of appeal contains nothing that could be regarded as a statement of grounds of appeal pursuant to Article 108 EPC.

- II. By a communication dated 3 September 1998, sent by registered letter with advice of delivery, the Registry of the Board informed the appellant that no statement of grounds of appeal 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. No reply 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:

M. Beer

G. Davies