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Case Number: T 0982/03 - 3.4.2

Application Number: 98112362.3

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Title of invention:

Lamp drive circuit

Applicant:

CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA

Opponent:

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Headword:

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Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108

EPC R. 65(1)

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"Missing statement of grounds"

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D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.4.2
of 14 January 2004

Appellant:

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Decision under appeal:

Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 19 March 2003
refusing European application No. 98112362.3
pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: A. G. Klein
Members: M. P. Stock
J. H. P. Willems

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office dated 19 March 2003, refusing the European patent application No. 98 112 362.3.

The Appellant filed a notice of appeal on 26 May 2003 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 20 October 2003, 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 was expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The Appellant was invited to file observations within two months.
- III. No answer has been given within the two months time limit 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:

P. Martorana

A. G. Klein