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of 13 July 2007**

Case Number: T 1056/06 - 3.4.01

Application Number: 00941651.2

Publication Number: 1194791

IPC: G01S 15/89

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:

Ultrasound probe with integrated electronics

Applicant:

Teratech Corporation

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 3.4.01
of 13 July 2007

Appellant: Teratech Corporation
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 17 February 2006
refusing European application No. 00941651.2
pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: B. Schachenmann
Members: P. Fontenay
H. Wolfrum

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appellant contests the decision of the examining division dated 17 February 2006 refusing the European patent application No. 00 941 651.2.
- II. The appellant filed a notice of appeal received on 18 April 2006 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
- III. No statement of grounds of appeal was filed within the four-month time limit provided for in Article 108 EPC.
- IV. In a communication dated 2 October 2006 sent by registered letter with advice of delivery, the board informed the appellant that no statement of grounds of appeal had been received and that the appeal should be expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The appellant was informed that any observations should be filed within two months.

Reasons for the Decision

As no written statement of grounds of appeal has been filed and as the notice of appeal does not contain anything that could be regarded as a statement of grounds of appeal according to Article 108 EPC, 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

R. Schumacher

B. Schachenmann