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**Datasheet for the decision
of 8 September 2011**

Case Number: T 2386/10 - 3.4.02

Application Number: 99904237.7

Publication Number: 1062539

IPC: G02B 27/00

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:
Improved photovoltaic generator circuit

Patentee:
CP Clare Corporation

Opponent:
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Headword:
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Relevant legal provisions:
EPC Art. 108
EPC R. 101(1)

Relevant legal provisions (EPC 1973):
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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 3.4.02
of 8 September 2011

Appellant: CP Clare Corporation
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 23 June 2010
refusing European patent application
No. 99904237.7 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: A. G. Klein
Members: F. Maaswinkel
D. S. Rogers

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appellant contests the decision of the examining division of the European Patent Office dated 23 June 2010 refusing European patent application No. 99 904 237.7.

The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 23 August 2010 and paid the appeal fee on the same day. The notice of appeal contains a request for oral proceedings.

A written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was not filed within the four-month time limit provided for in Article 108 EPC.

- II. In a communication dated 29 December 2010, the Board informed the appellant that no statement setting out the grounds of appeal had been received and that the appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The appellant was informed that any observations should be filed within two months.

- III. The appellant filed no observations in response to said communication. In a letter dated 12 August 2011 the appellant withdrew the request for oral proceedings.

Reasons for the Decision

No written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was filed within the time limit provided for in Article 108 EPC. Nor did the notice of appeal contain anything that might be considered as such statement pursuant to Article 108 and Rule 99 (2) EPC. Thus, the appeal is inadmissible pursuant to Rule 101(1) EPC.

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar

The Chairman

M. Kiehl

A. Klein