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of 11 December 2018**

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Title of invention:

Methods of making chlorinated hydrocarbons

Patent Proprietor:

OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION

Opponent:

ARKEMA FRANCE

Headword:

Relevant legal provisions:

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EPC R. 101(1)

Keyword:

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D E C I S I O N
of Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.10
of 11 December 2018

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Decision under appeal: **Decision of the Opposition Division of the
European Patent Office posted on 23 April 2018
rejecting the opposition filed against European
patent No. 2687504 pursuant to Article 101(2)
EPC.**

Composition of the Board:

Chairman P. Gryczka
Members: C. Komenda
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Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal is directed against the decision of the Opposition Division of 20 March 2018, posted on 23 April 2018.
- II. The appellant (opponent) filed a notice of appeal on 22 June 2018 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
- III. By communication of 24 September 2018, received by the appellant, the Registry of the Board informed the appellant that it appeared from the file that the written statement of grounds of appeal had not been filed, and that it was therefore to be expected that the appeal would be rejected as inadmissible pursuant to Article 108, third sentence, EPC in conjunction with Rule 101(1) EPC. The appellant was informed that any observations had to be filed within two months of notification of the communication.
- IV. No reply was received.

Reasons for the Decision

No written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was filed within the time limit provided by Article 108, third sentence, EPC in conjunction with Rule 126(2) EPC. In addition, neither the notice of appeal nor any other document filed contains anything that could be regarded as a statement of grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC and Rule 99(2) EPC. Therefore, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Rule 101(1) EPC).

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:

The Chairman:



C. Rodríguez Rodríguez

P. Gryczka

Decision electronically authenticated