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Title of invention: Semiconductor device comprising a semiconductor  
substrate bonded to a mounting means

Classification: H01L 23/48

D E C I S I O N  
of 7 August 1991

Proprietor of the patent: Matsushita Electronics Corporation

Opponent: SGS-Thomson Microelectronics

Headword:

EPC Article 111(1), 113(2)

Keyword: "Revocation of European patent at request of the proprietor"

Headnote



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**D E C I S I O N**  
of the Technical Board of Appeal - 3.4.1  
of 7 August 1991

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**Decision under appeal :**

Interlocutory decision of the Opposition Division  
of the European Patent Office dated 11 July 1990  
concerning maintenance of European Patent  
No. 0 070 435 in amended form.

**Composition of the Board :**

**Chairman :** G.D. Paterson  
**Members :** H.J. Reich  
U. Himmler

### Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. In an interlocutory decision dated 11 July 1990, the Opposition Division decided to maintain the patent No. 0 070 435 in amended form.
- II. The Appellant appealed against this decision by a letter filed on 4 September 1990, paid the fee for appeal on the same date and filed a statement of grounds of appeal on 20 November 1990.
- III. In a letter dated 22 July 1991 the Respondent stated:  
  
"Patentee herewith requests revocation of the above-mentioned European Patent."

### Reasons for the Decision

1. The patentee has made it clear in his letter received on 22 July 1991 that he wishes his patent to be revoked. The Board can therefore in the exercise of its power under Article 111(1) EPC decide to revoke the European patent (see Decision T 237/86, OJ EPO 1988, 261).

### Order

For these reasons, it is decided that:

The decision of the Opposition Division dated 11 July 1990 is set aside and European patent No. 0 070 435 is revoked.

The Registrar:

The Chairman:

M. Beer

G.D. Paterson