#### (12) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

## (19) World Intellectual Property Organization

International Bureau

# AIPO OMPI

## 

# (10) International Publication Number WO 2009/026927 A3

## (43) International Publication Date 5 March 2009 (05.03.2009)

(51) International Patent Classification: F03D 1/06 (2006.01) F03D 11/00 (2006.01) F03D 7/02 (2006.01)

(21) International Application Number:

PCT/DK2008/000311

(22) International Filing Date:

29 August 2008 (29.08.2008)

(25) Filing Language:

English

(26) Publication Language:

English

(30) Priority Data:

07388060.1 29 August 2007 (29.08.2007)

EP

(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): LM GLASFIBER A/S [DK/DK]; Rolles Møllevej 1, DK-6640 Lunderskov (DK).

(72) Inventors; and

(75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only): FUGLSANG, Peter [DK/DK]; Stentosten 30, DK-7100 Vejle (DK). BOVE, Stefano [IT/DK]; Jaettebhoj 5, DK-6640 Lunderskov (DK).

(74) Agent: CHAS. HUDE A/S; H.C. Andersens Boulevard 33, DK-1780 Copenhagen V (DK).

(81) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of national protection available): AE, AG, AL, AM,

AO, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BH, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DO, DZ, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, GT, HN, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KM, KN, KP, KR, KZ, LA, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LY, MA, MD, ME, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MY, MZ, NA, NG, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RS, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SM, ST, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, ZA, ZM, ZW.

(84) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of regional protection available): ARIPO (BW, GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, NA, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW), Eurasian (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, IS, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, MT, NL, NO, PL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, TR), OAPI (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

#### **Declarations under Rule 4.17:**

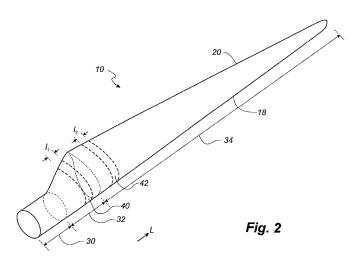
— of inventorship (Rule 4.17(iv))

#### Published:

- with international search report (Art. 21(3))
- before the expiration of the time limit for amending the claims and to be republished in the event of receipt of amendments (Rule 48.2(h))

[Continued on next page]

#### (54) Title: BLADE FOR A ROTOR OF A WIND TURBINE PROVIDED WITH BARRIER GENERATING MEANS



(57) **Abstract**: A blade (10) for a rotor of a wind turbine (2) has a substantially horizontal rotor shaft, the rotor comprising a hub (8), from which the blade (10) extends substantially in a radial direction when mounted to the hub (8). The blade comprises a profiled contour including a leading edge (18) and a trailing edge (20) as well as a pressure side and a suction side, the profiled contour when being impacted by an incident airflow generating a lift. The profiled contour is divided into a root region (30) with a substantially circular profile closest to the hub, an airfoil region (34) with a lift generating profile furthest away from the hub, and a transition region (32) between the root region (30) and the airfoil region (34). The profile of the transition region (32) gradually changes in the radial direction from the circular profile of the root region to the lift generating profile of the airfoil region. The suction side comprises at least a first zone (40, 42), which extends substantially in the direction of the incident airflow, and which is positioned in a zone of a cross-flow. The first zone (40, 42) comprises a first barrier generating means (xO6) adapted to generating a barrier of airflow, which extends essentially in the direction of the incident airflow, the barrier of airflow being of sufficient strength and length so as to effectively reduce the cross-flow.



(88) Date of publication of the international search report: 13 August 2009

#### INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No PCT/DK2008/000311

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER INV. F03D1/06 F03D7 F03D7/02 F03D11/00 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC B. FIELDS SEARCHED Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) F<sub>0</sub>3D Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used) EPO-Internal C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT Category\* Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages Relevant to claim No. χ WO 2005/035978 A (REPOWER SYSTEMS AG [DE]; 1-17QUELL PETER [DE]; PETSCHE MARC [DE]) 21 April 2005 (2005-04-21) abstract; figure 1 χ WO 02/08600 A (STICHTING ENERGIE [NL]; 1 - 17CORTEN GUSTAVE PAUL [NL]) 31 January 2002 (2002-01-31) abstract: figures 1,2 X WO 00/15961 A (LM GLASFIBER AS [DK]: 1 - 17GRABAU PETER [DK]) 23 March 2000 (2000-03-23) the whole document -/--Х See patent family annex. Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. Special categories of cited documents: later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance earlier document but published on or after the international "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified) "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such docu-O document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or nents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed "&" document member of the same patent family Date of the actual completion of the international search Date of mailing of the international search report 24 June 2009 03/07/2009 Name and mailing address of the ISA/ Authorized officer European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2 NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016 Giorgini, Gabriele

2

### INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No
PCT/DK2008/000311

CO., BRENTWOOD, ESSEX	appropriate, of the relevant passages  INFLUENCE OF VORTEX BO7 AIRFOIL RISTICS AND WIND  TI-SCIENCE PUBLISHING	Relevant to claim No.
X WETZEL K K ET AL: "I GENERATORS ON NREL SE AERODYNAMIC CHARACTER TURBINE PERFORMANCE" WIND ENGINEERING, MUL CO., BRENTWOOD, ESSE)	INFLUENCE OF VORTEX BOT AIRFOIL RISTICS AND WIND TI-SCIENCE PUBLISHING	
GENERATORS ON NREL SE AERODYNAMIC CHARACTER TURBINE PERFORMANCE" WIND ENGINEERING, MUI CO., BRENTWOOD, ESSE)	807 AIRFOIL RISTICS AND WIND .TI-SCIENCE PUBLISHING	1–17
vol. 19, no. 3, 1 January 1995 (1995- 157-165, XP000516437 ISSN: 0309-524X the whole document		
X WO 03/016713 A (KANK HAREYUKI [JP]) 27 February 2003 (200 abstract; figures 14		1-17
X WO 2007/065434 A (LM GRABAU PETER [DK]) 14 June 2007 (2007-00 abstract; figures 2,4	 GLASFIBER AS [DK]; 5-14)	1–17
X GB 885 449 A (RAYMONI 28 December 1961 (196 the whole document		1–17

2

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International application No
PCT/DK2008/000311

Patent document cited in search report	Publication date		Patent family member(s)	:	Publication date
WO 2005035978 A	21-04-2005	CN DE EP US	1867771 10347802 1671030 2006280614	B3 A1	22-11-2006 19-05-2005 21-06-2006 14-12-2006
WO 0208600 A	31-01-2002	AT AU CA DE DK EP ES NL US	348263 6961501 2001269615 2415087 60125172 1295032 1295032 2277928 1015558 2004013512	A B2 A1 T2 T3 A1 T3 C2	15-01-2007 05-02-2002 02-12-2004 31-01-2002 08-11-2007 10-04-2007 26-03-2003 01-08-2007 08-01-2002 22-01-2004
WO 0015961 A	23-03-2000	AU	5618099	A	03-04-2000
WO 03016713 A	27-02-2003	JP	2003056452	Α	26-02-2003
WO 2007065434 A	14-06-2007	AU CA CN EP	2006322446 2631416 101321949 1963671	A1 A	14-06-2007 14-06-2007 10-12-2008 03-09-2008
GB 885449	28-12-1961	NONE			