

Discussion

6. I have considered the specification carefully and the further explanations provided by Mr Thompson in his letters and by him in person at the hearing. *[Technical detail omitted]*.
7. The principle of conservation of energy explains that energy cannot be created or destroyed, but only changed from one form to another. Mr Thompson accepts the principle in general but maintains that his apparatus would work. Indeed he explicitly describes it as a “perpetual motion machine”. However, he has not persuaded me that the principle is flawed, nor that his invention can operate in the way he describes. It is clearly contrary to well understood natural law. I consequently agree with the examiner that the invention is neither capable of industrial application, nor sufficiently disclosed and I refuse the application under section 18(3).

Appeal

8. Under the Practice Direction to Part 52 of the Civil Procedure Rules, any appeal must be lodged within 28 days.

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Deputy Director acting for the Comptroller