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Title of invention:
Cable Reeling System

Patentee:
METOOL PRODUCTS LIMITED

Opponent:
Metreel Limited
Behne Wampfler GmbH
Stemmann-Technik GmbH

Headword:
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of 3 August 2001

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Decision under appeal:

**Decision of the Opposition Division of the
European Patent Office posted 21 December 2000
revoking European patent No. 0 597 896 pursuant
to Article 102(1) EPC.**

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: C. A. J. Andries

Members: T. Kriner

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Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. In its decision dated 21 December 2000 the Opposition Division revoked the European patent No. 0 597 896 pursuant to Article 102(1) EPC.
- II. The Appellant (Patent Proprietor) appealed against the decision of the Opposition Division on 16 February 2001. The appeal fee was paid on 22 February 2001.
- III. By a communication dated 22 May 2001 and sent by registered post, the Registry of the Board informed the Appellant that no Statement of Grounds had been filed and that the appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The Appellant was invited to file observations within two months.
- IV. The Appellant did not reply to said communication.

Reasons for the Decision

As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal has been filed, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Article 108 EPC in conjunction with Rule 65(1) EPC).

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:

The Chairman:

G. Magouliotis

C. A. J. Andries