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of 26 February 2008**

Case Number: T 0670/07 - 3.5.01

Application Number: 98907518.9

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Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:
Haptic accelerator for force feedback computer peripherals

Applicant:
Immersion Corporation

Opponent:
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Headword:
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Relevant legal provisions:
EPC Art. 108
EPC R. 101(1)

Relevant legal provisions (EPC 1973):
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Keyword:
"Missing statement of grounds of appeal"

Decisions cited:
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**DECISION
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.01
of 26 February 2008**

Appellant: Immersion Corporation
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 1 February
2007 refusing European application
No. 98907518.9 pursuant to Article 97(1)
EPC 1973.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: S. Steinbrener
Members: W. Chandler
P. Schmitz

Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. The appellant contests the decision of the examining division of the European Patent Office dated 1 February 2007 refusing European patent application No. 98907518.9.

The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 6 April 2007 and paid the appeal fee on 5 April 2007.

In a faxed letter received on 11 April 2007, the appellant explained that the appeal was not desired anymore and requested that the appeal fee be refunded. With communication of 30 April 2007 the Board informed the appellant that a refund of the appeal fee was not possible.

A written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was not filed within the four-month time limit provided for in Article 108 EPC. Nor did the notice of appeal contain anything that might be considered as such statement.

II. In a communication dated 16 July 2007, the Board informed the appellant that no statement setting out the grounds of appeal had been received and that the appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The appellant was informed that any observations should be filed within two months.

III. The appellant filed no observations in response to said communication.

Reasons for the Decision

As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was filed within the time limit provided for in Article 108 EPC, the appeal is inadmissible pursuant to Rule 101(1) EPC (former Rule 65(1) EPC 1973).

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:

The Chairman:

T. Buschek

S. Steinbrener