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**Datasheet for the decision of 27 May 2010**

**Case Number:** T 2183/09 - 3.5.01

**Application Number:** 02807016.7

**Publication Number:** 1481342

**IPC:** G06F 17/60, G07F 17/32

**Language of the proceedings:** EN

**Title of invention:**
Electronic payout administration method and system

**Applicant:**
IGT

**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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**Catchword:**
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**D E C I S I O N**
**of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.01**
**of 27 May 2010**

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**Decision under appeal:** **Decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office posted 26 May 2009 refusing European patent application No. 02807016.7 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.**

**Composition of the Board:**

**Chairman:** S. Wibergh
**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 26 May 2009 refusing European patent application No. 02807016.7.

The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 21 July 2009 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
The notice of appeal contains an auxiliary request for oral proceedings.

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 19 November 2009, 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.
In a letter dated 6 May 2010 the appellant withdrew the request for oral proceedings.

**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.

**Order**

**For these reasons it is decided that:**

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar The Chairman

T. Buschek S. Wibergh