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**Datasheet for the decision
of 12 April 2011**

Case Number: T 0032/11 - 3.5.03

Application Number: 04101874.8

Publication Number: 1453329

IPC: H04Q 7/22

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:

Method of sending messages and wireless station

Applicant:

Nokia Corporation

Opponent:

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Headword:

Method of sending messages/NOKIA

Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108

Relevant legal provisions (EPC 1973):

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Keyword:

"Missing statement of grounds"

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 3.5.03
of 12 April 2011

Appellant: Nokia Corporation
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 19 July 2010
refusing European patent application
No. 04101874.8 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: A. S. Clelland
Members: T. Snell
M.-B. Tardo-Dino

Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. The appeal lies from the decision of the examining division of the European Patent Office refusing European patent application No. 04101874.8. The decision was dispatched by registered letter with advice of delivery to the applicant dated 19 July 2010.

The appellant filed a notice of appeal by a letter received on 29 September 2010. The payment of the appeal fee was recorded on the same day.

II. By a communication dated 13 January 2011 sent by registered letter with advice of delivery, the registry of the board informed the appellant that no statement of grounds of appeal 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.

III. No answer has been given to the registry's communication within the time limit.

Reasons for the Decision

As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal has been filed, and as the notice of appeal contains nothing that could be regarded as a statement of grounds of appeal pursuant to Article 108 EPC, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Article 108 EPC in conjunction with Rule 101(1) EPC).

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar

The Chairman

G. Rauh

A. S. Clelland