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**Datasheet for the decision
of 20 October 2011**

Case Number: T 0771/11 - 3.5.03

Application Number: 06764542.4

Publication Number: 1908229

IPC: H04M 7/12

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:

Arrangement for implementing voice transmission

Applicant:

Apple Inc.

Opponent:

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Headword:

Arrangement for implementing voice transmission/APPLE INC.

Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108
EPC R. 101(1)

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 20 October 2011

Appellant: Apple Inc.
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 14 October 2010
refusing European patent application
No. 06764542.4 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: A. S. Clelland
Members: A. J. Madenach
R. Menapace

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal lies from the decision of the examining division of the European Patent Office refusing the European patent application 06764542.4. The decision was dispatched by registered letter with advice of delivery to the applicant on 14 October 2010.
- II. The appellant (applicant) filed a notice of appeal by a letter received on 23 October 2010. The payment of the appeal fee was recorded on the same day.

No statement of grounds was filed.

- III. By a communication dated 29 April 2011, sent by registered post with advice of delivery, 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 pursuant to Article 108, third sentence, EPC in conjunction with Rule 101(1) EPC. The appellant was invited to file observations within two months.

- IV. 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 within the time limit provided by Article 108 EPC in conjunction with Rule 126(2) EPC and the notice of appeal contains nothing that could be regarded as a statement of

grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (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