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of 26 November 2012**

Case Number: T 1838/12 - 3.4.03

Application Number: 04736137.3

Publication Number: 1635325

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Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:

Liquid crystal display device and mobile terminal

Applicant:

Sony Corporation

Opponent:

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Headword:

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Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108

EPC R. 99(2), 101(1)

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 3.4.03
of 26 November 2012

Appellant:
(Applicant)

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Decision under appeal:

Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 22 February 2012
refusing European patent application
No. 04736137.3 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: G. Eliasson
Members: V. L. P. Frank
P. Mühlens

Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. This is an appeal against the refusal of European patent application No. 04736137 posted 22 February 2012.

A notice of appeal on behalf of the applicant appellant was filed on 3 May 2012. The appeal fee was paid on the same day. No separate statement of grounds of appeal was filed.

II. By a communication dated 23 August 2012 sent by registered letter with advice of delivery, the appellant was informed that no statement of grounds of appeal had been filed and that, therefore, it was to be expected that the appeal would 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.

III. No answer has been given to the communication within the time limit. No request for re-establishment of rights was filed.

Reasons for the Decision

As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal has been filed and as the notice of appeal does not contain anything that could be regarded as a statement of grounds of appeal according to Article 108, third sentence, and Rule 99(2) EPC, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Article 108, third sentence, 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

S. Sánchez Chiquero

G. Eliasson