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**Datasheet for the decision
of 13 May 2013**

Case Number: T 0400/13 - 3.3.05

Application Number: 06709954.9

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Title of invention:
Jet nozzle arrangement for optimising gas bubble size in
flotation

Applicant:
YORKSHIRE WATER SERVICES LIMITED

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

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 3.3.05
of 13 May 2013

Appellant: YORKSHIRE WATER SERVICES LIMITED
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 16 July 2012
refusing European patent application
No. 06709954.9 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: G. Rath
Members: J.-M. Schwaller
C. Vallet

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The patent proprietor (hereinafter "the appellant") filed on 26 September 2012 a notice of appeal against the decision of the examining division dated 16 July 2012, whereby the European patent application No. 06 709 954.9 was refused under Article 97(2) EPC. The appeal fee was paid on the same day. No statement of grounds was filed within the time limit set by Article 108 EPC.
- II. By a communication dated 21 February 2013 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, 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 but it did not reply to said communication, and no request for re-establishment of rights under Article 122 EPC was filed.

Reasons for the Decision

1. 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 pursuant to Article 108 EPC, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Art. 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:

C. Vodz

G. Raths