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Case Number: T 0937/13 - 3.4.02

Application Number: 08731551.1

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Title of invention:

FIBER OPTIC CONNECTOR WITH DOUBLE-CLAD STUB FIBER

Applicant:

Panduit Corp.

Headword:

"Missing statement of grounds"

Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108
EPC R. 101(1)

Keyword:

Decisions cited:

Catchword:



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D E C I S I O N
of Technical Board of Appeal 3.4.02
of 11 October 2013

Appellant: Panduit Corp.
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Decision under appeal: **Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted on 25 October 2012
refusing European patent application No.
08731551.1 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.**

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: A. Klein
Members: F. Maaswinkel
B. Müller

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal is directed against the decision of the Examining Division posted on 25 October 2012.
- II. The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 24 December 2012 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
- III. By communication of [DATE], received by the appellant, the Registry of the Board informed the appellant that it appeared from the file that the written statement of grounds of appeal had not been filed [or: had been filed out of time (date of receipt: [DATE])], and that it was therefore 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 informed that any observations had to be filed within two months of notification of the communication.
- IV. No reply has been received.

Reasons for the Decision

No written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was filed within the time limit provided by Article 108, third sentence, EPC in conjunction with Rule 126(2) EPC. In addition, neither the notice of appeal nor any other document filed contains anything that could be regarded as a statement of grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC and Rule 99(2) EPC. Therefore, 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:



A. Counillon

A. Klein

Decision electronically authenticated