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Title of invention:

IMAGE CARRYING LAMINATED MATERIAL

## Patent Proprietor:

Digiglass Pty. Ltd.

## Opponents:

Glas Trösch AG AGC Glass Europe SOLUTIA Inc.

## Headword:

### Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108 EPC R. 101(1)

### Keyword:

Admissibility of appeal - missing statement of grounds

#### Decisions cited:

# Catchword:



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# DECISION of Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.09 of 13 May 2014

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Decision under appeal: Interlocutory decision of the Opposition

Division of the European Patent Office posted on

31 May 2013 concerning maintenance of the European Patent No. 1322482 in amended form.

## Composition of the Board:

Chairman W. Sieber

Members: J. Jardón Álvarez

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# Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. This appeal is against the interlocutory decision of the opposition division dated 31 May 2013 concerning the maintenance of European patent No. 1 322 482 in amended form.

Opponent 1 (in the following: the appellant), Glas Trösch AG, filed a notice of appeal on 29 July 2013 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.

II. By a communication dated 30 October 2013, received by the appellant on 4 November 2013, 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, 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 invited to file observations within two months.

III. No answer to the registry's communication was received within this time limit.

### Reasons for the Decision

No written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was filed within the time limit provided to this end 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

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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:



M. Cañueto Carbajo

W. Sieber

Decision electronically authenticated