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Application Number: 06817265.9

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Title of invention:

FUEL BALANCING SYSTEM

Patent Proprietor:

The Boeing Company

Opponents:

Airbus Operations Limited(GB) / AIRBUS SAS(FR) / Airbus Operations SAS(FR) / Airbus Operations GmbH (DE) / Airbus Operations SL(ES)

Headword:

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DECISION of Technical Board of Appeal 3.2.01 of 12 September 2014

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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Opposition Division of the

European Patent Office posted on 3 January 2014 rejecting the opposition filed against European patent No. 2074027 pursuant to Article 101(2)

EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman G. Pricolo Members: W. Marx

D. T. Keeling

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Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal is directed against the decision of the Opposition Division posted on 3 January 2014.
- II. The appellants filed a notice of appeal on 3 March 2014 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
- III. By communication of 5 June 2014, received by the appellant, the Registry of the Board informed the appellant that it appeared from the file that a 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 informed that any observations had to be filed within two months of notification of the communication.
- IV. No reply was 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 addition, the notice of appeal contains nothing 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).

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Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:

The Chairman:



A. Vottner G. Pricolo

Decision electronically authenticated