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Application Number: 08158635.6

Publication Number: 2011713

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Language of the proceedings: ΕN

Title of invention:

Collapsible element for absorbing energy in case of collision in a railway vehicle

Patent Proprietor:

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Opponent:

Bombardier Transportation GmbH

Headword:

Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108 EPC R. 99(2), 101(1)

Keyword:

Admissibility of appeal - missing statement of grounds

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of Technical Board of Appeal 3.2.01
of 27 October 2014

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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Opposition Division of the

European Patent Office posted on 18 February 2014 rejecting the opposition filed against European patent No. 2011713 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 18 February 2014.
- II. The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 23 April 2014 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
- III. By communication of 14 July 2014, 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 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).

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

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The Registrar:

The Chairman:



A. Vottner G. Pricolo

Decision electronically authenticated