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**Case Number:** T 0921/15 - 3.5.03

**Application Number:** 97909536.1

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**IPC:** H04Q11/04

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**Title of invention:**

ARCHITECTURE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF VOICE OVER ATM NETWORKS

**Applicant:**

Nortel Networks Limited

**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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**D E C I S I O N**  
**of Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.03**  
**of 28 October 2015**

**Appellant:** Nortel Networks Limited  
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**Decision under appeal:** **Decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office posted on 27 November 2014 refusing European patent application No. 97909536.1 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.**

**Composition of the Board:**

**Chairman** F. van der Voort  
**Members:** B. Noll  
S. Fernández de Córdoba

## **Summary of Facts and Submissions**

- I. The appeal is directed against the decision of the Examining Division announced in the oral proceedings on 11 November 2014 and posted on 27 November 2014.
- II. The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 6 February 2015 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
- III. In a communication dated 26 June 2015, 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 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:



G. Rauh

F. van der Voort

Decision electronically authenticated