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DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MONITORING MANUFACTURING STATUS OF
SEAMLESS PIPE AND SEAMLESS PIPE MANUFACTURING FACILITY

Patent Proprietor:

Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation

Opponent:

SMS Meer GmbH

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Decision under appeal: **Interlocutory decision of the Opposition**
Division of the European Patent Office posted on
17 March 2016 concerning maintenance of the
European Patent No. 2080569 in amended form.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman G. Ashley
Members: Y. Jest
M.-B. Tardo-Dino

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal is directed against the decision of the Opposition Division of 17 March 2016, posted on 17 March 2016.
- II. The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 18 May 2016 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
- III. By communication of 25 August 2016, 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:



C. Spira

G. Ashley

Decision electronically authenticated