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Application Number: 07821809.6

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Title of invention:
ONLINE GAMING SYSTEM

Applicant:
Rational Intellectual Holdings Limited

Headword:

Relevant legal provisions:

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

Keyword:

Admissibility of appeal - missing statement of grounds of appeal

Decisions cited:

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D E C I S I O N
of Technical Board of Appeal 3.4.03
of 1 September 2017

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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted on 21 December
2016 refusing European patent application No.
07821809.6 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman G. Eliasson
Members: M. Stenger
C. Schmidt

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. This is an appeal against the refusal of European patent application No. 07821809.6 posted on 21 December 2016.
- II. The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 28 February 2017 and paid the appeal fee on the same day. No separate statement of grounds of appeal was filed.
- III. By a communication dated 7 June 2017 sent by registered letter with advice of delivery, the appellant was informed that no statement of grounds of appeal had been filed and that, therefore, it was 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.
- IV. No reply was received. No request for re-establishment of rights was filed.

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 (Article 108, third sentence, EPC in conjunction with Rule 101(1) EPC).

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:

The Chairman:



S. Sánchez Chiquero

G. Eliasson

Decision electronically authenticated