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**Title of invention:**  
SEALING ASSEMBLY IN A THRUST BEARING KING PIN APPLICATION

**Applicant:**  
NRB Bearings Ltd.

**Headword:**

**Relevant legal provisions:**  
EPC Art. 108  
EPC R. 101(1)

**Keyword:**  
Admissibility of appeal - missing statement of grounds

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**Catchword:**



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**D E C I S I O N**  
**of Technical Board of Appeal 3.2.08**  
**of 14 December 2018**

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**Decision under appeal:** **Decision of the Examining Division of the  
European Patent Office posted on 22 December  
2017 refusing European patent application No.  
11777363.0 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.**

**Composition of the Board:**

**Chairwoman** P. Acton  
**Members:** A. Björklund  
Y. Podbielski

## **Summary of Facts and Submissions**

- I. The appeal is directed against the decision of the Examining Division posted on 22 December 2017.
- II. The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 12 March 2018 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
- III. By communication of 27 August 2018, 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 been filed out of time (date of receipt: 13 August 2018), 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 the filed notice of appeal does not contain 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 Chairwoman:



C. Moser

P. Acton

Decision electronically authenticated