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**Case Number:** T 0431/06 - 3.5.04

**Application Number:** 98201449.0

**Publication Number:** 0874524

**IPC:** H04N 7/10

**Language of the proceedings:** EN

**Title of invention:**

A system for unattended recording of television programs

**Patentee:**

STARSIGHT TELECAST, INC.

**Opponent:**

IGR GmbH & Co. KG.

**Headword:**

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**Relevant legal provisions:**

EPC Art. 108

EPC R. 65(1)

**Keyword:**

"Missing statement of grounds"

**Decisions cited:**

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**Catchword:**

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**DECISION**  
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.04  
of 16 January 2007

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**Decision under appeal:** Decision of the Opposition Division of the  
European Patent Office posted 24 January 2006  
revoking European patent No. 0874524 pursuant  
to Article 102(1) EPC.

**Composition of the Board:**

**Chairman:** F. Edlinger  
**Members:** M. Paci  
B. Müller

## **Summary of Facts and Submissions**

- I. The appellant contests the decision of the opposition division dated 24 January 2006 revoking European patent No. 0 874 524.
- II. The appellant filed a notice of appeal received on 24 March 2006 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
- III. No statement of grounds of appeal was filed within the four-month time limit provided for in Article 108 EPC.
- IV. In a communication dated 7 July 2006 sent by registered post with advice of delivery, the board informed the appellant that no statement of grounds of appeal had been received and that the appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The appellant was informed that any observations should be filed within two months.

## **Reasons for the Decision**

As no written statement of grounds of appeal has been filed and as the notice of appeal does not contain anything that could be regarded as a statement of grounds of appeal according to Article 108 EPC, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Article 108 EPC in conjunction with Rule 65(1) EPC).

**Order**

**For these reasons it is decided that:**

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar

The Chairman

D. Sauter

F. Edlinger