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**Datasheet for the decision
of 24 January 2007**

Case Number: T 1331/06 - 3.3.09

Application Number: 99926303.1

Publication Number: 1084176

IPC: C08J 7/12

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:

Locally providing a coated article with a sealing material

Applicant:

Corus Staal BV

Opponent:

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Headword:

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Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108

EPC R. 65(1)

Keyword:

"Appeal inadmissible"

"Missing Statement of Grounds"

Decisions cited:

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Catchword:

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D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.09
of 24 January 2007

Appellant: Corus Staal BV
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 23 December 2005
refusing European application No. 99926303.1
pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: P. Kitzmantel
Members: N. Perakis
M.-B. Tardo-Dino

Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. This case related to the decision of the Examining Division orally announced on 7 November 2005 and issued in writing on 16 December 2005 concerning the refusal of European patent application No. 99 926 303.1.

The applicant, Corus Staal B.V., filed a Notice of Appeal on 27 February 2006 and paid the appeal fee on the same day. In the Notice of Appeal oral proceedings were requested.

No statement setting out the grounds of appeal was filed.

II. By a communication dated 1 September 2006 sent by registered letter with advice of delivery, the Registry of the Board informed the Appellant that no Statement of Grounds had been filed and that the appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The Appellant was invited to file observations within two months. Attention was also drawn to Article 122 EPC.

III. No reply was received within this time-limit.

Reasons for the Decision

As no written statement setting out the 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 pursuant to Article 108 EPC, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible according to Rule 65(1) EPC in conjunction with Article 108 EPC. Since the appeal is inadmissible, none of the requests in the Notice of Appeal, including the request for oral proceedings, can be considered.

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:

The Chairman:

G. Röhn

P. Kitzmantel