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T 0503/09 - 3.2.05 Case Number:

Application Number: 01982998.5

Publication Number: 1345833

IPC: B65H 19/28

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:

Method for winding a tissue web in a reel-up in a paper machine

Patentee:

Metso Paper Karlstad Aktiebolag

Opponent:

GEORGIA-PACIFIC CORPORATION

Headword:

Relevant legal provisions:

EPC Art. 108 EPC R. 101(1)

Relevant legal provisions (EPC 1973):

Keyword:

"Missing statement of grounds"

Decisions cited:

Catchword:



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DECISION

of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.2.05 of 12 February 2010

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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Opposition Division of the

European Patent Office posted 22 December 2008 rejecting the opposition filed against European patent No. 1345833 pursuant to Article 102(2)

EPC 1973.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: W. Zellhuber
Members: P. Michel

E. Lachacinski

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Summary of Facts and Submissions

The appeal is against the decision of the Opposition Division of the European Patent Office posted 22 December 2008 rejecting the opposition against the European patent No. 1345833.

The appellant (opponent) filed a notice of appeal on 23 February 2009 and paid the fee for appeal on the same date. No statement setting out the grounds of appeal was filed. The notice of appeal contains nothing that could be regarded as a statement of grounds within the meaning of Article 108 EPC, third sentence.

- II. By a communication sent by registered letter with advice of delivery on 12 August 2009 and received by the appellant on 13 August 2009, 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. The attention of the appellant was also drawn to Article 108 and Rule 101(1) EPC.
- III. No answer has been given to the Registry's communication.

Reasons for the Decision

No written statement setting out the grounds of appeal has been filed, and the notice of appeal contains nothing that could be regarded as a statement of grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC. Consequently, the appeal has to be rejected

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as inadmissible pursuant to 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:

D. Meyfarth

W. Zellhuber