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of 15 November 2013**

Case Number: T 0469/13 - 3.2.05

Application Number: 06252981.3

Publication Number: 1731822

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Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:
Fittings with redundant seals for aircraft fuel lines, fuel tanks, and other systems

Patent Proprietor:
The Boeing Company

Opponents:
Airbus Operations Limited
Airbus SAS
Airbus Operations SAS
Airbus Operations GmbH
Airbus Operations SL

Headword:

Relevant legal provisions:
EPC Art. 108
EPC R. 99(2), 101(1)

Keyword:
Admissibility of appeal - missing statement of grounds

Decisions cited:

Catchword:



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**D E C I S I O N
of Technical Board of Appeal 3.2.05
of 15 November 2013**

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Decision under appeal: **Interlocutory decision of the Opposition
Division of the European Patent Office posted on
21 December 2012 concerning maintenance of the
European Patent No. 1731822 in amended form.**

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: M. Poock
Members: P. Lanz
M. J. Vogel

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal is directed against the decision of the Opposition Division posted on 21 December 2012.
- II. The joint appellants filed a notice of appeal on 21 February 2013 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
- III. By communication of 31 July 2013, received by the appellants, the Registry of the Board informed the appellants that it appeared from the file that the written statement of grounds of appeal had not been filed, 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 appellants were 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, 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 (Rule 101(1) EPC).

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:

The Chairman:



D. Meyfarth

M. Poock

Decision electronically authenticated