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Title of invention:

A PAPER OR PAPERBOARD SUBSTRATE, A PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF
THE SUBSTRATE AND A PACKAGE FORMED OF THE SUBSTRATE

Patent Proprietor:

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Opponent:

Aronova S.A.

Headword:

Paper substrate / STORA ENSO

Relevant legal provisions:

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EPC R. 99(2), 101(1), 126(2)

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D E C I S I O N
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Decision under appeal: **Decision of the Opposition Division of the
European Patent Office posted on 8 October 2021
rejecting the opposition filed against European
patent No. 2516156 pursuant to Article 101(2)
EPC.**

Composition of the Board:

Chairman L. Li Voti
Members: P. Ammendola
C. Heath

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal is directed against the decision of the opposition division to reject the opposition against European patent nr. 2 516 156, posted on 8 October 2021.
- II. The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 7 December 2021 and paid the appeal fee on the same day. No statement of grounds of appeal was received within the time limit provided by Article 108, third sentence, EPC.
- III. By communication of 15 March 2022, receipt of which was confirmed 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 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 appellant was informed that any observations had to be filed within two months of notification of the communication.
- IV. No reply was received within the two month time limit.

Reasons for the Decision

No written statement of 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:



A. Pinna

L. Li Voti

Decision electronically authenticated