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**Case Number:** T 2260/22 - 3.5.07

**Application Number:** 15851593.2

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**Title of invention:**

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING FOLLOW-UP RESPONSES TO PRIOR  
NATURAL LANGUAGE INPUTS OF A USER

**Applicant:**

Cerence Operating Company

**Headword:**

Missing statement of grounds/CERENCE

**Relevant legal provisions:**

EPC Art. 108

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

**Keyword:**

Admissibility of appeal - (no) - missing statement of grounds



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**D E C I S I O N**  
**of Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.07**  
**of 16 February 2023**

**Appellant:** Cerence Operating Company  
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**Decision under appeal:** **Decision of the Examining Division of the  
European Patent Office posted on 29 March 2022  
refusing European patent application No.  
15851593.2 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.**

**Composition of the Board:**

**Chair** J. Geschwind  
**Members:** M. Jaedicke  
C. Barel-Faucheux

## **Summary of Facts and Submissions**

- I. The appeal is directed against the decision of the examining division to refuse European patent application No. 15 851 593.2, posted on 29 March 2022.
- II. The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 27 May 2022 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.
- III. By communication of 13 October 2022, which was delivered via the EPO Mailbox, 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 deadline set.

## **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 127(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 Chair:



S. Lichtenvort

J. Geschwind

Decision electronically authenticated