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File Number: T 518/92 - 3.5.1

Application No.: 87 901 236.7

Publication No.: 0 290 465

Title of invention: Apparatus and method for execution of branch instructions

Classification: G06F 9/38

DECISION
of 17 September 1992

Applicant: Digital Equipment Corporation

Headword:

EPC Article 108, Rule 65(1)

Keyword: "Missing statement of grounds"



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D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.1
of 17 September 1992

Appellant : Digital Equipment Corporation
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Decision under appeal : Decision of Examining Division 065 of the
European Patent Office dated 27 December 1991
refusing European patent application
No. 87 901 236.7 pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board :

Chairman : P.K.J. van den Berg
Members : G. Davies
R. Randes

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division 065 of the European Patent Office dated 27 December 1991 refusing the European patent application No. 87 901 236.7. The decision was dispatched by registered letter with advice of delivery to the applicant on the day it was given. The Appellant filed a notice of appeal by a letter received on 26 February 1992, and paid the appeal fee on the same day. No statement of grounds of appeal was filed. The notice of appeal contains nothing that could be regarded as a statement of grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC.

- II. By a communication dated 2 July 1992 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.

- III. No answer has been given to the Registry's communication.

Reasons for the Decision

As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal has been filed, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Article 108 EPC in conjunction with Rule 65(1) EPC).

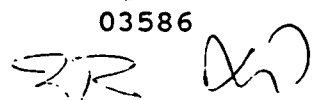
Order

For these reasons, it is decided that:

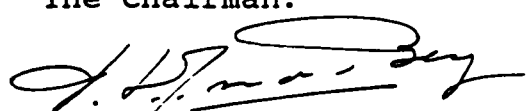
The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:


M. Kuehl

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The Chairman:


P.K.J. van den Berg