Datasheet for the decision 
of 7 June 2013

Case Number: T 2215/12 - 3.5.01
Application Number: 05786391.2
Publication Number: 1782291
IPC: G06F 17/30
Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention: Point of law search system and method

Applicant: Lexisnexis, A Division of Reed Elsevier Inc.

Opponent: -

Headword: -

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

Relevant legal provisions (EPC 1973): -

Keyword: "Missing statement of grounds of appeal"

Decisions cited: -

Catchword: -

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DECISION of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.01 of 7 June 2013

Appellant: Lexisnexis, A Division of Reed Elsevier Inc.
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office posted 4 May 2012 refusing European patent application No. 05786391.2 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.

Composition of the Board:
Chairman: S. Wibergh
Members: P. Scriven
P. Schmitz
Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. The appellant contests the decision of the examining division of the European Patent Office dated 4 May 2012 refusing European patent application No. 05786391.2.

The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 4 July 2012 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.

The notice of appeal contained an auxiliary request for oral proceedings.

A written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was not filed within the four-month time limit provided for in Article 108 EPC. Nor did the notice of appeal contain anything that might be considered as such a statement.

II. In a communication dated 29 October 2012, the Board informed the appellant that no statement setting out the grounds of appeal had been received and that the appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible.

The appellant was informed that any observations should be filed within two months.

In the same communication the Board stated that it assumed that the appellant's request for oral proceedings did not apply to the issue of inadmissibility of the appeal because no grounds of appeal had been filed in due time and that this assumption would not be made if the appellant so stated within the specified period.

III. The appellant filed no observations in response to said communication.
Reasons for the Decision

As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was filed within the time limit provided for in Article 108 EPC, the appeal is inadmissible pursuant to Rule 101(1) EPC.

Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar                        The Chairman

T. Buschek                             S. Wibergh