Datasheet for the decision of 13 October 2014

Case Number: T 1253/14 - 3.5.07
Application Number: 06740436.8
Publication Number: 1869591
IPC: G06F17/30
Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:
System and method for obtaining content based on data from an electronic device

Applicant:
Google Inc.

Headword:

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

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

Decisions cited:

Catchword:
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DECISION
of Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.07
of 13 October 2014

Appellant: Google Inc.
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Decision under appeal: Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted on 17 December
2013 refusing European patent application No.
06740436.8 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.

Composition of the Board:
Chairman R. Moufang
Members: P. San-Bento Furtado
R. de Man
Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. The appeal is directed against the decision of the Examining Division to refuse European patent application No. 06740436.8 announced in oral proceedings on 28 November 2013, the written reasons of which were posted on 17 December 2013.

II. The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 17 February 2014 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.

III. By communication of 12 June 2014, sent by registered letter with advice of delivery and received by the appellant on 14 June 2014, 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. On 17 September 2014, in a phone conversation with the Board's registrar, the appellant's representative confirmed that no further observations had been sent to the Board.

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:

I. Aperribay             R. Moufang

Decision electronically authenticated