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Title of invention:
AD MATCHING SYSTEM AND METHOD THEREOF

Applicants:
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Meyer, Matt
Chau, Duc

Headword:

Relevant legal provisions:
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09718908.8 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.
Composition of the Board:

Chairman: W. Chandler
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Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. The appellants contest the decision of the examining division of the European Patent Office dated 7 January 2014 refusing European patent application No. 09718908.8.

The appellants filed a notice of appeal on 7 March 2014 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 24 July 2014, the Board informed the appellants 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 appellants were informed that any observations should be filed within two months. In the same communication the Board stated that it assumed that the appellants' 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 appellants so stated within the specified period.

III. The appellants 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 W. Chandler

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