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Reference	Application No./Patent No.
Applicant/Proprietor	

**Communication pursuant to Rule 55 EPC**

The above-identified European patent application does not meet the requirements of Article 80 and Rule 40 EPC for the accordancy of a date of filing for the reasons indicated below:

- The application does not contain an indication that a European patent is sought (R. 40(1)(a) EPC).
- The application does not contain a description or a reference to a previously filed application (R. 40(1)(c) EPC).
- The application is filed by reference to a previously filed application and does not contain, in accordance with Rule 40(2) EPC:
  - date of filing of previously filed application
  - number of previously filed application
  - the Office with which it was filed
  - an indication that it replaces the description and any drawings
- A certified copy of the previously filed application has not been filed within two months of filing the application (R. 40(3) EPC).

You are invited to remedy the above deficiency/deficiencies within a non-extendable period of **two months** from notification of this communication.

If the deficiency/deficiencies is/are not remedied in due time, the application will not be dealt with as a European patent application (Art. 90(2) EPC). Applications that are not dealt with as European patent applications are not equivalent to regular national filings pursuant to Article 66 EPC.

If the deficiency/deficiencies is/are remedied by filing the documents in due time, the date of filing accorded to the application shall be the date on which these documents were filed.

If the deficiency concerns the failure to supply a certified copy of the previously filed application and is remedied within the time limit, the date of filing accorded will remain the day on which the reference to the earlier application was received, provided that all other requirements under Rule 40(2) EPC have been satisfied.

In case the complete application documents comprise more than 35 pages, the additional fee (Art. 2(1), 1a, RFees) due must be paid within the period specified in Rule 38(3) EPC.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the accorded filing date may lie after expiry of the 12-month period from the date of filing of the earlier application from which priority is claimed.



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