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Reference	Application No./Patent No.
Applicant/Proprietor	

**Non-acceptance of amendments pursuant to Rules 137 (1) EPC**

The amendments filed on ..... with respect to the above-mentioned European patent application cannot be accepted since they were filed prior to your receipt of the European search report (Rule 137 (1) EPC).

If it is intended to maintain the amendments, a statement to that effect should be filed after receipt of the European search report. In the case of amendments to the claims, these will be published together with the application in accordance with Rule 68 (4) EPC if the statement is received before termination of the technical preparations for publication.

**Non-acceptance of amendments pursuant to Rule 161 (2) EPC**

The amendments filed on ..... with respect to the above-mentioned Euro-PCT application cannot be accepted since they were filed after expiry of the period laid down in Rule 161 (2) EPC (EPO Form 1226CC dated ) and therefore cannot form the basis for the supplementary European search.

If it is intended to maintain the amendments, a statement to that effect should be filed after receipt of the supplementary European search report as foreseen under Rules 70a (2) and 137 (2) EPC.

**Acknowledgment of claims filed in reply to an invitation pursuant to Rule 62a (1) / 63 (1) EPC**

Reworded claims were submitted on ..... with the letter of reply to the invitation pursuant to Rule 62a (1) / 63 (1) EPC.

Note that these claims were received prior to your receipt of the (supplementary) European search report and are not considered as amended claims (Rule 137 (1) EPC), but merely as an indication of the subject-matter to be searched in respect of the claims as originally filed, or serving as the basis for the supplementary European search (Rule 161 (2) EPC).

If the applicant wishes to introduce these claims formally in the proceedings, he should file a statement to that effect with the response to the extended European search report (Rules 70a (1) (2) EPC).

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that any amendments filed shall be identified and the basis for them in the application as filed needs to be indicated. Failure to meet either requirement may lead to a communication from the Examining Division requesting to correct this deficiency (Rule 137 (4) EPC).



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