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Reference	Application No./Patent No.
Applicant/Proprietor	

**Noting of loss of rights pursuant to Rule 112(1) EPC**

The claims fee(s) in respect of claim(s)

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was (were) not paid within the time limit prescribed in the communication pursuant to Rule 45 EPC (EPO Form 1068) or the communication pursuant to Rule 162 EPC (EPO Form 1226) respectively. Under Rule 45(3) EPC [Rule 162(4) EPC], the said claim(s) is (are) therefore deemed to have been abandoned.

**Means of redress**

**Request for a decision (R. 112(2) EPC)**

If the applicant considers that the finding of the European Patent Office is inaccurate, he may, within a (non-extendable) period of **two months** after notification of this communication, apply in writing for a decision on the matter. The application can only lead to the finding being reversed if this does not actually correspond to the factual or legal situation.

**Further processing (Art. 121 EPC)**

The legal consequence of the failure to observe the time limit shall be deemed not to have ensued if, within a (non-extendable) period of **two months** after notification of this communication, further processing is requested by payment of the fee prescribed under Article 2(1)12 of the Rules relating to Fees and the omitted act is completed (R. 135(1) EPC).

**Request under Article 7(3) and (4) Rules relating to Fees**

The fee is considered to have been paid in due time if, within a period of two months from notification of this communication and in accordance with the requirements under Article 7(3) and (4) Rules relating to Fees, evidence is provided to the EPO that the payment was effected in an EPC Contracting State within the period in which the payment should have been made.

**Making payments**

For payments made via deposit account, please note that as from 1 December 2017 debit orders will only be carried out if filed in an electronically processable format (xml), using an accepted means of filing as laid down in the Arrangements for deposit accounts (ADA), published in the Supplementary publication in the Official Journal.

All relevant information related to the modes of payment of fees to the EPO can be retrieved from the EPO website at "**Making Payments**".

**Information concerning fee amounts**

Procedural fees are usually adjusted every two years, on even years, with effect from 1 April. Therefore, before making a payment, parties should verify the amounts actually due on the date of payment using the applicable version of the Schedule of fees and expenses, published as a Supplement to the Official Journal of the EPO, available on the EPO website ([www.epo.org](http://www.epo.org)) at [www.epo.org/schedule-of-fees](http://www.epo.org/schedule-of-fees). The "Schedule of fees" table allows the viewing, downloading and searching of individual fee amounts, both current and previous.

**Important note to users of the automatic debiting procedure**

If an automatic debit order is filed after expiry of the period under Rule 45(2) or 162(2) EPC but before expiry of the period for requesting further processing and the applicant now wishes to pay for fewer claims than those for which fees are due, he should inform the EPO accordingly before expiry of the period for requesting further processing. Otherwise all claims fees which have become due and the corresponding further processing fees will be debited automatically on the last day of the period.

