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Reference	Application No./Patent No.
Applicant/Proprietor	

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

The European patent application cited above is deemed to be withdrawn (Art. 78(2) EPC) because the

- filing fee
- search fee
 - was (were) not validly paid within the time limits laid down in Rule 17(2) EPC, Rule 36(3) EPC or Rule 38 EPC (Art. 78(2) EPC).
 - was (were) paid on , i.e. after the time limit specified in Rule 17(2) EPC, Rule 36(3) EPC, or Rule 38 EPC had expired on (Art. 78(2) EPC).

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(s) 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(s) prescribed under Article 2(1)12 of the Rules relating to Fees and the omitted act(s) is (are) completed (R. 135(1) EPC).

For any non-payment of fees in due time, 50% of the relevant fee (Art. 2(1)12, first indent, RFees) is payable (in respect of each of the non-paid fees).

If the applicant is entitled under Article 14(4) and Rules 6(3) and (4) EPC to benefit from, and has paid, the reduced filing fee, including any additional fee, but has failed to timely file the declaration under Rule 6(6) EPC, further processing can be requested by paying the flat-rate amount of the further processing fee (Art. 2(1)12, third indent, RFees) and filing the corresponding declaration.

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.

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