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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The European patent application cited above is deemed to be withdrawn because

- no indication of the desire to proceed further with the application was furnished within the time limit specified in the communication (EPO Form 1082/1224) issued under Rule 70(2) EPC (R. 70(3) EPC).
- no response has been filed to the invitation to correct any deficiencies noted in the opinion accompanying the (supplementary) European search report within the time limit specified in the communication (EPO Form 1082/1224) issued under Rule 70a(2) EPC (R. 70a(3) 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).

The time limits under Rule 70(2) EPC and Rule 70a(2) EPC are legally independent from each other. Therefore, where both have been missed, further processing must be requested, and a further processing fee must be paid, in respect of each of them. In both cases, the flat-rate fee for further processing (Art. 2(1)12, third indent, RFees) is due.

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