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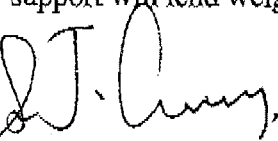
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Referral under Art. 112(1)(b) EPC by the President of
the EPO to the Enlarged Board of Appeal
Amicus Curiae Statement by Pitney Bowes Inc.**

The present written statement is submitted on behalf of Pitney Bowes Inc., of Stamford, Connecticut, U.S.A. under Art. 10 Rules of Procedure of the Enlarged Board of Appeal following the Announcement published in OJ EPO 2009, 32 with respect to the referral under Art. 112(1)(b) EPC by the President of the European Patent Office, dated October 22, 2008 (case number G 3/08).

We have reviewed and considered the Statement of Accenture Global Services GmbH submitted on April 30th, 2009. We entirely share and support the position taken by Accenture in that Statement and wish to associate ourselves with all of the arguments and statements contained therein.

As a major filer of patent applications relating to computer-implemented inventions, Pitney Bowes hopes and trusts that its support will lend weight to the submissions made.



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