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**Case Number:** T 1049/14 - 3.5.01

**Application Number:** 09178413.2

**Publication Number:** 2163910

**IPC:** G06F11/00, H01L21/66,  
G01R31/3185

**Language of the proceedings:** EN

**Title of invention:**

A system and method for testing and configuring semiconductor functional circuits

**Applicant:**

Nvidia Corporation

**Headword:**

**Relevant legal provisions:**

EPC Art. 108  
EPC R. 101(1)

**Keyword:**

Admissibility of appeal - missing statement of grounds

**Decisions cited:**

**Catchword:**



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**D E C I S I O N  
of Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.01  
of 12 November 2014**

**Appellant:** Nvidia Corporation  
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**Decision under appeal:** Decision of the Examining Division of the  
European Patent Office posted on 18 November  
2013 refusing European patent application No.  
09178413.2 pursuant to Article 97(2) EPC.

**Composition of the Board:**

**Chairman** S. Wibergh  
**Members:** K. Bumés  
D. Prietzel-Funk

## **Summary of Facts and Submissions**

- I. The appellant contests the decision of the examining division of the European Patent Office dated 18 November 2013 refusing European patent application No. 09178413.2.

The appellant filed a notice of appeal on 22 January 2014 and paid the appeal fee on the same day.

A written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was not filed within the four-month time limit provided for in Article 108 EPC. Nor did the notice of appeal contain anything that might be considered as such a statement.

- II. In a communication dated 14 May 2014, the Board informed the appellant that no statement setting out the grounds of appeal had been received and that the appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The appellant was informed that any observations should be filed within two months.
- III. The appellant filed no observations in response to said communication.

## **Reasons for the Decision**

As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal was filed within the time limit provided for in Article 108 EPC, the appeal is inadmissible pursuant to Rule 101(1) EPC.

**Order**

**For these reasons it is decided that:**

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:

The Chairman:



T. Buschek

S. Wibergh

Decision electronically authenticated