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of 25 March 1994

**Case Number:** T 0968/93 - 3.4.1

**Application Number:** 86117768.1

**Publication Number:** 0232533

**IPC:** H01L 21/48

**Language of the proceedings:** EN

**Title of invention:**

Method for producing an integrated circuit product having a polyimide film interconnection structure and product fabricated thereby

**Applicant:**

Texas Instruments Incorporated

**Opponent:**

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**Headword:**

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**Relevant legal norms:**

EPC Art. 108

EPC R. 65(1)

**Keyword:**

"Missing Statement of Grounds"

**Decisions cited:**

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**Headnote/Catchword:**

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D E C I S I O N  
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.4.1  
of 25 March 1994

**Appellant:** Texas Instruments Incorporated  
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**Decision under appeal:** Decision of the Examining Division 125 of the  
European Patent Office dated 9 June 1993 refusing  
European patent application No. 86 117 768.1  
pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

**Composition of the Board:**

**Chairman:** G.D. Paterson  
**Members:** R.K. Shukla  
Y.J.F. van Henden

## Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division 125 of the European Patent Office dated 9 June 1993 refusing European patent application No. 86 117 768.1. The decision was dispatched by registered letter with advice of delivery to the Applicant on the day it was given. The Appellant filed a notice of appeal by a letter received on 11 August 1993 and paid the fee for appeal on the same day. No Statement of Grounds was received. The notice of appeal contains nothing that could be regarded as a Statement of Grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC.
  
- II. By a communication dated 9 December 1993 sent by registered letter with advice of delivery, the Registry of the Board informed the Appellant that no Statement of Grounds had been filed and that the appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible. The Appellant was invited to file observations within two months.
  
- III. No answer has been given to the Registry's communication.

## Reasons for the Decision

As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal has been filed, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Article 108 EPC in conjunction with Rule 65(1) EPC).

Order

For these reasons, it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:

The Chairman:

M. Beer

G.D. Paterson