

Internal distribution code:

- (A) [] Publication in OJ
(B) [] To Chairmen and Members
(C) [X] To Chairmen

D E C I S I O N
of 8 January 1998

Case Number: T 0997/97 - 3.5.2

Application Number: 91303917.8

Publication Number: 0456400

IPC: H03K 19/173

Language of the proceedings: EN

Title of invention:
Input/output module with latches

Applicant:
ACTEL CORPORATION

Opponent:
-

Headword:
-

Relevant legal provisions:
EPC Art. 108
EPC R. 65(1)

Keyword:
"Missing Statement of Grounds"

Decisions cited:
-

Catchword:



Case Number: T 0997/97 - 3.5.2

D E C I S I O N
of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.5.2
of 8 January 1998

Appellant:

ACTEL CORPORATION
955 East Arques Avenue
Sunnyvale, California 94086 (US)

Representative:

Senior, Alan Murray
J.A. KEMP & CO.
14 South Square
Gray's Inn
London WC1R 5LX (GB)

Decision under appeal:

Decision of the Examining Division of the
European Patent Office posted 18 April 1997
refusing European patent application
No. 91 303 917.8 pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

Composition of the Board:

Chairman: W. J. L. Wheeler
Members: M. R. J. Villemin
B. J. Schachenmann

Summary of Facts and Submissions

- I. The appeal contests the decision of the Examining Division of the European Patent Office dated 18 April 1997 refusing the European patent application No. 91 303 917.8. The decision was dispatched by registered letter with advice of delivery on 18 April 1997. The Appellant filed a notice of appeal by a letter received on 14 May 1997 and paid the fee for appeal on the same day. No Statement of Grounds was filed. 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 15 October 1997 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:

N. Maslin

W. J. L. Wheeler