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## **ACCELLERA JOINS IEEE STANDARDS ASSOCIATION**

*Corporate Membership Will Shape Direction of Technology and Marketplace Application*

NAPA, Calif., 12 April 2004, — Accellera, the electronics industry organization focused on language-based electronic design standards, today announced it has become a Corporate Member of the IEEE Standards Association (IEEE-SA) in order to take part in and shape the direction of technology and its marketplace application in the highly respected IEEE-SA standards development environment at a corporate level.

Membership in the IEEE-SA strengthens the connection Accellera has with the IEEE and fosters growth and evolution in Accellera's (and its predecessors, VI and OVI's) relationship with the IEEE, which began when VHDL first became an IEEE standard in 1987. Membership offers Accellera access to a vast network of counterparts from leading world organizations and gives it access to a wide range of technical areas where Accellera can make contacts, gather information and build consensus on best practices and solutions.

"Accellera has a longstanding relationship with the IEEE and has supported the VHDL and Verilog HDL standards among others within the IEEE," noted Dennis Brophy, Chairman of Accellera. "As an IEEE Standards Association Corporate Member, we deepen our commitment to IEEE standards."

"As a membership organization, the IEEE-SA thrives because of the technical diversity of its thousands of participants, consisting of technology leaders from corporations, organizations, universities and government agencies," said Edward Rashba, Manager of New Technical Programs. "We welcome Accellera as a Corporate Member where they join a community in which to voice their industry standards' needs."

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**About Accellera**

Accellera provides design standards for quick availability and use in the electronics industry. The organization and its members cooperatively deliver much-needed EDA standards that lower the cost of designing integrated circuits and EDA products. As a result of Accellera's partnership with the IEEE, Accellera standards are provided to the IEEE standards body for formalization and ongoing change control. For more information about joining Accellera, please visit [www.accellera.org](http://www.accellera.org).

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**Acronyms**

EDA	Electronic Design Automation
HDL	Hardware Description Language
IC	Integrated Circuit
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
IEEE-SA	IEEE Standards Association
OVI	Open Verilog International
VHDL	VHSIC (Very High-Speed IC) HDL
VI	VHDL International

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