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Dear Members of ISO/IEC JTC 1 SC6,

It has recently been called to our attention that a project is being proposed in of ISO/IEC JTC1 SC 6 that indicates reference to and/or modification of ISO/IEC 8802-3 2000.

ISO/IEC 8802-3 2000 is the most recent version of ISO/IEC 8802-3 but is not the most recent version of this technical work. ISO/IEC 8802-3 2000 was intended to be a technically identical shadow edition of IEEE Std 802.3. As IEEE 802.3 standards gained international recognition, the activity to produce a shadow ISO/IEC edition of each revision of IEEE Std 802.3 was dropped.

The approval of the IEEE/ISO Partner Standards Development Organization (PSDO) cooperation agreement of March 2008 formalized the full recognition by ISO and JTC1 of IEEE Standards for reference purposes in the development of ISO and JTC1 standards.

Given that the current revision of IEEE Std 802.3 (now at 2008) has received significant updates including three revisions, fourteen amendments and three corrigenda, it is the standard that should be used for international reference purposes as authorized by the PSDO.

We therefore requested that ISO/IEC 8802-3 be formally withdrawn from the list of active standards. We believe that this withdrawal is appropriate and is necessary to avoid any

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confusion both now and the future.

Sincerely,

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