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Study Group

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Dear Mr Trowbridge and members of ITU-T Study Group 15,

We would like to inform you that the IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group has formed a Study Group to consider the development of optical solutions targeting reaches beyond 10 km for 50 Gb/s, 200 Gb/s, and 400 Gb/s Ethernet. A consensus presentation given in support of this effort may be found at http://www.ieee802.org/3/cfi/0717_1/CFI_01_0717.pdf. The webpage for the new Study Group may be found at <**URL to be added**>.

As noted in the above presentation, generally speaking, optical solutions standardized or in the process of being standardized are based either on direct detect or coherent optical technologies. It is our understanding that work is underway on a revision of the G.698.2 specification within ITU-T Study Group 15 to address 100 Gb/s coherent optical interfaces. If

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this understanding is correct, we would like to request a status update on the effort and any information that ITU-T SG15 might feel is relevant to share.

As this effort in IEEE evolves and potentially becomes a Task Force, we look forward to continuing close cooperation with ITU-T SG15. Furthermore, we would encourage SG15 members to contribute to such a project. Information regarding future IEEE 802.3 meetings may be found at <http://www.ieee802.org/3/interims/index.html>.

Sincerely,

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