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Dear Gentlemen,

The IEEE 802.3 Working Group would like to inform you that the IEEE 802.3 Industry Connections Ethernet Bandwidth Assessment Ad hoc completed its charter at the IEEE 802 July Plenary, as its assessment report was approved by the IEEE 802.3 Working Group. The assessment is publicly available for download at http://www.ieee802.org/3/ad_hoc/bwa/BWA_Report.pdf. Please note that a supporting tutorial presentation was given during the week of the IEEE 802 July Plenary, and is available for download at http://www.ieee802.org/802_tutorials/2012-07/BWATutorial_D1_12_0716.pdf.

The findings of the IEEE 802.3 Industry Connections Ethernet Bandwidth Assessment Ad hoc demonstrate that the bandwidth requirements of multiple application spaces are continuing an exponential climb with the forecast bandwidth required in 2020 predicted to grow to 100x the bandwidth required in 2010. In response to these findings, a new Industry Connections Higher Speed Ethernet Consensus Ad Hoc has been formed. The purpose of the IEEE 802.3 Industry Connections Higher Speed Ethernet Consensus activity will be to build consensus related to initiating a new effort targeting the next speed of Ethernet for wireline applications,

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which will be used for the evaluation and possible development of a Call-For-Interest for the next IEEE 802.3 Higher Speed Study Group. It is anticipated that this Ad Hoc will meet at the IEEE 802.3 Interim meeting in Geneva Switzerland, which will be held the week of September 23, 2012. For further details, see <http://www.ieee802.org/3/interims/index.html>.

We appreciate your cooperation in past efforts and look forward to continued dialogue with ITU-T SG15.

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