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Subject: Liaison to ITU-T Study Group 15 from IEEE 802.3

Action: Response to ITU-T SG15 Liaison Statement titled 'SG15 OTNT Standardization Work Plan'

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Dear Mr. Maeda and Members of ITU-T Study Group 15,

The IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group thanks ITU-T Study Group 15 for this liaison and the opportunity to review and comment on the "Optical Transport Networks & Technologies Standardization Work Plan, Issue 11" coming out of your December 2008 meeting. We have reviewed the OTNT Plan content in consideration of the standardization activities in progress within 802.3 and have the following comments:

In OTNT SWP Clause 5.5.1.8 concerning traffic control/conditioning, be advised that within the 802.3 WG, the work of the IEEE P802.3ar Congestion Management Task Force is now complete with the administrative withdrawal of the PAR at the December 2008 IEEE Standards Board meeting. Since the P802.3ar PAR has been withdrawn, no standard is available and the references to 802.3ar "Congestion Management" should be removed from your document.

In OTNT SWP Clause 5.5.1.9, reference to 10Gb/s Ethernet Passive Optical Networks P802.3av development, be advised that this proposed standard has now progressed to IEEE SA Sponsor Ballot and is expected to complete later in 2009.

In OTNT SWP Table 7-1-3, IEEE 802 standards, be advised that the current published version of the 802.3 standard is now to be shown as IEEE Std 802.3-2008, published December 2008.

We wish to thank the leadership and members of ITU-T SG15 for the opportunity to coordinate references to our work programs and we look forward to such continuing cooperation with ITU-T SG15 in the future.

Sincerely,

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