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Dear Mr. Otto, Mr. Frlan, and members of the OIF,

Thank you for your liaison letter of 5th July 2018, which provided an update on the status of the 400ZR Interop Project and the draft 400ZR Implementation Agreement (Document # oif2017.245.08).

We are pleased to inform you that since our last communication (March 2018) the project documentation for the IEEE P802.3cn Beyond 10km Optical PHYs project has been submitted to the IEEE-SA Standards Board for consideration for final approval on September 27, 2018. The proposed Project Authorization Request (PAR) and Criteria for Standards Development (CSD) for this project are at the indicated links.

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This project will address the following: 1) Optical PHYs for 40 km reach over a duplex fiber pair between the Tx and Rx for rates of operation of 50 Gb/s, 200 Gb/s, and 400 Gb/s; and 2) Optical PHYs for 80 km reach over a DWDM system for rates of operation of 100 Gb/s

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and 400 Gb/s. The complete summary of project objectives may be found at the indicated link.

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Assuming the approval of the IEEE P802.3cn Beyond 10km Optical PHYs project, the future task force would begin the process of determining baseline selections. In anticipation of this phase, we request that the OIF continue to provide updates on the 400ZR project.

Sincerely,

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