

Liaison Communication

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Dear Mr. Yoichi Maeda and members of ITU-T SG15,

The IEEE 802.3 Working Group appreciates the interest of ITU-T SG15 in the 802.3 Higher Speed Study Group (HSSG) efforts and thanks you for your liaison statement presented to the IEEE 802.3 group during our plenary meeting in San Francisco the week of July 16-19th, 2007.

The HSSG did adopt an objective to specify 40Gb/s Ethernet in addition to 100 Gb/s Ethernet. In recognition of the issue concerning OTN compatibility raised in your liaison letter. That HSSG adopted objective reads:

• provide appropriate support for OTN.

For your information, the unapproved minutes and presentations reviewed by the HSSG at this meeting are available for review at: <u>http://www.ieee802.org/3/hssg/public/july07/index.html</u>

We wish to thank the leadership and the members of ITU-T SG15 for the inquiry into our work programs and as the HSSG evolves and potentially becomes a Task Force, we look forward to close cooperation with ITU-T SG15 and we encourage SG15 members to contribute to such a project.

Sincerely,

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