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Mr. Law, Mr. D'Ambrosia and members of the IEEE P802.3ba task force,

ITU-T SG15 Q9 and Q11 wish to thank IEEE 802.3 for your recent liaison concerning appropriate support for OTN. Your questions regarding the transport for 40GbE and 100GbE have already been considered and answered by ITU-T SG15 Q11. As promised in our previous liaison from ITU-T SG15 Q11 Sept., 08, during our meeting in December we considered your suggestion regarding link fault signalling.

During the December meeting the approval process was initiated for an amendment to G.709 that defines the use of link fault signalling for 1GbE and 10GbE as you suggested. When the 40GbE and 100GbE technologies are defined, G.709 will specify the use of link fault signalling for these technologies as well.

Once this use has been defined in G.709, it will be described in detail in the relevant equipment specification.

ITU-T SG15 Q9 and Q11 would like to express their appreciation for the continued useful exchange of information with IEEE 802.3 WG concerning the relationship of the work of the P802.3ba task force to optical transport network standards. We look forward to continuing this coordination in the future.

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