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Liaison, Reply to January 19, 2012 Liaison from OIF, "OIF MLG Project" Subject:

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Dear Jonathan,

The IEEE 802.3 Working Group would like to thank the OIF for its January 19 liaison letter and accompanying draft MLG (Multi-Link Gearbox) Implementation Agreement (oif2011.381.01.pdf). Given the implementation agreement's focus on interacting with a 4x25Gb/s interface, the IEEE P802.3bi 100 Gb/s Backplane and Copper Cable Task Force and the Next Generation 100 Gb/s Optical Ethernet Study Group look forward to future updates.

We appreciate your cooperation in past efforts and look forward to continued dialogue with the OIF.

Sincerely,

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