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**SUBCOMMITTEE No.25: INTERCONNECTION OF
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WORKING GROUP 3: CUSTOMER PREMISES CABLING**

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Liaison letter from ISO/IEC JTC1/SC 25/WG 3 to IEEE 802.3 on the status of SC 25/WG 3 project ISO/IEC/TR 17979-1-1 on Twinax cable assemblies

In response to interest expressed informally within IEEE 802.3, ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25/WG 3 has agreed to develop a Technical Report on twinax cable assemblies. The project had been approved in March 2012 and liaison has been established with our component partner committees IEC/SC 46C for cables and IEC/SC 48B for connectors, as specifications for such products are required to progress this project.

At our recent meeting in Kista, Sweden, the IEC/SC 46C liaison reported on the progress they are making on a pertinent cable standard. With respect to the requested connector product specification, our liaison from IEC/SC 48B informed us that the pertinent new project ballot for the connector specification had failed to due to a lack of sufficient active participants. IEC/SC 48B is prepared to re-ballot the new project request, provided that the required number of experts participating in such a project would be available.

In the light of this information, ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25/WG 3 decided to re-assess the situation during its next meeting to be held from 25 February to 01 March 2014. In case of a continued lack of interest in an IEC twinax connector standard, ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25/WG 3 would not be in a position to continue its project.

ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25/WG 3 wishes to inform IEEE 802.3 of the current status and to draw attention to the potential need to cancel its project ISO/IEC/TR 17979-1-1 after its spring 2014 meeting.