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Dear Mr. Tracy and members of the OIF,

Thank you for your liaison letter informing us of initiation of work on the OIF MLG 3.0 project.

We note that one of your objectives is reuse of Clause 91 Reed Solomon Forward Error correction currently under development by the P802.3bj 100 Gb/s Backplane and Copper Cable Task Force. As this standard is still under development and not yet publicly available, we are pleased to attach the current draft 3.0 for your reference in progressing this work. Please keep this draft private among OIF membership. Also, please be aware that since this is an unapproved draft, it is subject to change throughout the completion of the project. This project has just initiated the sponsor ballot phase, and is currently foreseen for completion and approval in mid 2014.

Members of the IEEE 802.3 working group are pleased that OIF is able to find additional applications for our work, and we look forward to continued collaboration in the future.

Sincerely,

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Chair, IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group

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