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Dear Mr. Van Diepenbeek,

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 October 1994 related to wireless LAN subjects of interest to both ETSI and IEEE. We trust that you are continuing to receive documentation from IEEE Project 802.11 so that TC RES and STC RES 10 have ample opportunity to monitor and review the work that IEEE P802.11 is doing. Likewise we expect to continue to receive the relevant output documents from STC RES 10 on HiperLAN. This level of cooperation is much appreciated so that both parties may be appropriately informed and that duplication of work is at least minimized.

Your correspondence expressed some concern about the extent of applicability of the IEEE Project 802.11 MAC layer. While it is true that IEEE generated specifications are normally circulated to ISO/IEC JTC 1 for international standardization, it is not intended that MAC layer specifications submitted to JTC1 apply to any and all PHY layer technologies. Perhaps the phrase "MAC layer specifications applicable to many PHY layer specifications" better expresses IEEE Project 802.11's intentions.

IEEE P802.11 recognizes the importance of the STC RES 10 HIPERLAN project and supports the need for its continued development.

We trust that the continued mutual exchange of documentation between our two committees will serve a useful purpose for information coordination of wireless LAN standard development.

Yours sincerely,

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