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Dear Mr. Otto, Mr. Frlan, and members of the OIF,

Thank you for your liaison letter of January 18, 2018 updating the IEEE 802.3 Working Group on the status of the *400ZR Interop Project*. The IEEE 802.3 Working Group and the Beyond 10 km Optical PHYs Study Group have met twice since the receipt of your letter- during the week of January 22, 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland and during the week of March 5, 2018 in Chicago, IL.

We appreciate your adoption of the 400G PHY XS formalism for the 400ZR project, the detailed description of the rationale for GMP, and the discussion about clocking requirements.

The Beyond 10 km Optical PHYs Study Group has made progress and has adopted a number of objectives. The full list can be found at the following link:

[http://www.ieee802.org/3/B10K/project\\_docs/objectives\\_180125.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/B10K/project_docs/objectives_180125.pdf) [Needs to be updated with the link including anything adopted in the March meeting]

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The objectives include the following PHYs:

- 50 Gb/s Ethernet PHY over at least 40 km of SMF

The Beyond 10 km Optical PHYs Study Group remains interested in the distance supported by (passive) single channel 400ZR and requests an update once the 400ZR project selects baselines for this topic.

Sincerely,

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