

IEEE P802.3ba Task Force Informal Communication

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Dear Dr. von Pattay and members of ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25/WG 3,

Thank you for your Liaison document N 822A titled "*Liaison report from ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25/WG 3 to IEEE 802.3 on P802.3ba to support extended distance (>100 m) on multimode channels*" urging the IEEE P802.3ba Task Force to "continue exploring the feasibility of extended distance (>100 m) multimode alternatives towards their adoption within P802.3ba."

The approved objectives of the Task Force (which are available at:

http://www.ieee802.org/3/ba/PAR/P802.3ba_Objectives_0308.pdf) include objectives for both 40 Gb and 100 Gb Ethernet of "at least 100m on OM3 MMF".

In addition to this, the topic of "40G/100G Extended Reach (>100m) over Parallel Multimode Fiber" continues to be the subject of an Ad Hoc activity within the P802.3ba Task Force. This Ad Hoc, however, is currently in an inactive state "pending solidification of 40GBASE-SR4, 100GBASE-SR10 and the associated PMD service interfaces, new opportunities are apparent and new contributions are available". A contribution on this topic was reviewed at our March meeting (http://www.ieee802.org/3/ba/public/mar09/kolesar_01_0309.pdf). We will endeavor to keep you informed of any progress that this group makes towards realizing its goal.

Sincerely,

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