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Subject: Informal communication regarding your letter on Carrier Requirements for High Speed Ethernet Transport over OTN

Dear Mr. Lyndon Ong and members of Optical Internetworking Forum:

Thank you for the liaison letter, and draft document on Carrier requirements for high speed Ethernet transport over OTN, which was discussed at the IEEE P802.3ba Plenary Meeting in Orlando, FL March 17-20, 2008. I would like to bring it to your attention that the IEEE P802.3ba task force has adopted an objective to include the physical layer specifications that support 40 Gb/s over at least 10 km on SMF.

For your information, the unapproved meeting minutes and presentations from the IEEE P802.3ba Plenary meeting can be found at http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/3/ba/public/mar08/index.htm.

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