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Dear Mr Oehler,

The IEEE 802.3 Working Group (WG) would like to update you on the progress of two of our single-pair Ethernet projects, IEEE P802.3dg, 100 Mb/s Long-Reach Single Pair Ethernet, and IEEE P802.3da, 10 Mb/s Single Pair Mixing Segment Enhancements. Progress in both projects has been slower than expected, and respective project timelines have been revised

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within the past six months. Timelines may be found at the top-level webpage of each project, <https://www.ieee802.org/3/da/> and <https://www.ieee802.org/3/dg/> , respectively.

The IEEE P802.3dg Task Force has selected baseline link segment specifications to meet its objective to “Define performance characteristics of a link segment with a single balanced pair of conductors supporting up to 5 inline connectors for up to at least 500mreach, and a PHY supporting point-to-point full duplex operation over the link segment.” The link segment specifications are defined over a frequency range from 0.1 MHz to 60 MHz. The collected link segment baselines to date, along with references to the meetings where they were adopted, may be found in [https://www.ieee802.org/3/dg/link\\_segment\\_090723.pdf](https://www.ieee802.org/3/dg/link_segment_090723.pdf) .

The IEEE 802.3 Working Group would also like to update you on the progress of the specification for IEEE P802.3da. The IEEE P802.3da Task Force has adopted and is currently reviewing a substantial update to the mixing segment specification. We caution SC25 that the specification for 802.3da is only in the initial stages of formal review by the Task Force and therefore may be considered subject to substantial change. The adopted mixing segment text can be found at [https://www.ieee802.org/3/da/public/0523/8023-168\\_with%20TC1r1\\_clean.pdf](https://www.ieee802.org/3/da/public/0523/8023-168_with%20TC1r1_clean.pdf), and the motivation behind it can be found at [https://www.ieee802.org/3/da/public/0323/zimmerman\\_3da\\_01a\\_03092023.pdf](https://www.ieee802.org/3/da/public/0323/zimmerman_3da_01a_03092023.pdf). We would also like to advise you that the Task Force has adopted a new timeline and revised it’s objectives. Links to these may be found on the Task Forces main webpage at <https://www.ieee802.org/3/da/> .

The IEEE 802.3 WG looks forward to continuing to work with ISO/IEC JTC1 SC25 WG3 as these projects progress.

Sincerely,

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