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Dear Mr. Oehler,

Further to our liaison to you dated 13th July 2017, we are pleased to provide you with an update on current activity that may be relevant to your work in supporting single-pair cabling systems.

The IEEE P802.3cg 10 Mb/s Single Twisted Pair Ethernet Task Force is contemplating the selection of one or more *optional* MDI connectors for use with this standard.

IEEE P802.3cg is currently working to modify its project scope, including the addition of an objective to support a half-duplex multi-drop segment, and modifying an existing “optional power distribution” objective to include this multi-drop segment as shown in:

www.ieee802.org/3/cg/public/Jan2018/jones_10spe_10bpe_03_0118_d5.pdf
www.ieee802.org/3/cg/public/Jan2018/jones_10spe_10bpe_04_0118_d6.pdf

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We plan to refine our requirements for MDI connectors and will communicate this information to you as it becomes available. Examples of high level goals we wish to address for an MDI connector for 802.3cg are summarized in slide 5 of www.ieee802.org/3/cg/public/adhoc/8023cg_adhoc_optional_mdi.pdf, as presented on 25th January 2017.

In the meantime, we would value any comments you may have on these goals for an MDI connector plus any guidance you may have on connector standardisation.

Sincerely,
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