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Dear Messrs Stassar, Jones, and members of ITU-T Study Group 15,

We are pleased to inform you that in our July 2015 meeting, we have adopted baselines from which we will produce IEEE P802.3bs 400 Gb/s Ethernet Draft 1.0, which we are expecting to adopt in our meeting the week of 14th September 2015. The complete set of baselines adopted so far can be found from the "Baseline Summary" link of our Task Force home page <http://ieee802.org/3/bs/index.html>.

Understanding that key aspects of interest for Study Group 15 include the mapping of 400 Gb/s Ethernet over OTN and the reuse of Ethernet optical modules for OTN client interfaces, we would call your attention to the adopted baselines for the OTN support objective, the logic layers (PCS, PMA and FEC), and the three SMF PMDs for the reaches of 500m (400GBASE-DR4), 2km (400GBASE-FR8) and 10km (400GBASE-LR8).

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We expect to send our drafts to Study Group 15 for your reference, beginning with Draft 1.0 which is expected to be adopted by the Task Force at our September 2015 interim meeting.

Sincerely,

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