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Dear Mr. Otto and members of the OIF,

We would like to inform you that the IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group has formed a Study Group to consider the development of optical solutions targeting reaches beyond 10 km for 50 Gb/s, 200 Gb/s, and 400 Gb/s Ethernet. A consensus presentation given in support of this effort may be found at http://www.ieee802.org/3/cfi/0717_1/CFI_01_0717.pdf. The webpage for the new Study Group may be found at <http://www.ieee802.org/3/B10K/index.html>.

As noted in the above presentation, generally speaking, optical solutions standardized or in the process of being standardized are based either on direct detect or coherent optical technologies. Given this observation, we would like to request a status update on the 400ZR Interop Project and any information the OIF might feel is relevant to share.

As this effort in IEEE evolves and potentially becomes a Task Force, we look forward to continuing close cooperation with the OIF. Furthermore, we would encourage OIF members to contribute to such a project. Information regarding future IEEE 802.3 meetings may be found at <http://www.ieee802.org/3/interims/index.html>.

Sincerely,
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