



February 7, 2013

To: David Law and members of IEEE 802.3

Subject: OIF Multi-link Gearbox (MLG) 2.0 Project

From: Jonathan Sadler, OIF Technical Committee Chair (jonathan.sadler@tellabs.com)

Dear Mr. Law,

The OIF would like to inform you that we have resolved comments from the straw ballot for the OIF Multi-Link Gearbox (MLG) 2.0 implementation agreement and agreed to advance this to principal member ballot. This project leverages past and present IEEE 802.3 work for 4x25G gearbox applications originally developed to support 10GBASE-R in order to support multiple 10G applications and 40G applications. This is an evolution of the earlier MLG 1.0 implementation agreement augmented to support 40GBASE-R clients as well as 10GBASE-R clients over 4x25G and 8x25G gearbox links.

The principal ballot text is provided in oif2012.325.01 (attached).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Sadler", written in a cursive style.

Jonathan Sadler,
OIF Technical Committee Chair

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