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Dear Mr. Trowbridge, Mr. Ruffini, and members of ITU-T SG15,

The IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group would like to thank ITU-T Q13/15 for its recent liaison regarding "Timestamping Point for Multilane Ethernet Interfaces," dated 6th March 2015.

It should be noted that the multilane architecture was initially developed as part of the IEEE P802.3ba 40 Gb/s and 100 Gb/s Ethernet Project. That project, which was ratified as a standard on 22nd June 2010, has since resulted in several follow-on projects, that have grown the 40 Gb/s and 100 Gb/s Ethernet family of solutions. This multilane approach is also being leveraged as part of the emerging architecture for the IEEE P802.3bs 400 Gb/s Ethernet project. As this architecture is leveraged by a number of standards as well as the emerging 400

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Gb/s Ethernet project, the issue must be fully explored before a comprehensive response can be provided.

The IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group will therefore work to provide a response to ITU-T Q13/15's inquiry after the IEEE 802 July 2015 Plenary, which is taking place during the week of 12th July 2015.

We appreciate ITU-T Q13/15 reaching out to us regarding this issue. We are fully supportive of on-going collaboration between our two groups, as it will help to ensure a seamless network with a focus on interoperability, which will benefit everyone.

Sincerely,

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