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Re: P802.3ap - Information technology -- Telecommunications and information exchange between systems -- Local and metropolitan area networks -- specific requirements Part 3: Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD) Access Method and Physical Layer Specifications Amendment: Ethernet Operation Over Electrical Backplanes

Dear Paul:

I am pleased to inform you that on 13 May 2004 the IEEE-SA Standards Board approved the above referenced project until 31 December 2008. A copy of the file can be found on our website at <http://standards.ieee.org/board/nes/projects/802-3ap.pdf>.

Now that your project has been approved, please forward a roster of participants involved in the development of this project. This request is in accordance with the IEEE-SA Operations Manual, Clause 5.1.2i under Duties of the Sponsor which states:

"Submit annually to the IEEE Standards Department an electronic roster of individuals participating on standards projects"

For your convenience, an Excel spreadsheet for your use has been posted on our website at <http://standards.ieee.org/guides/par/roster.xls>. Please forward this list to me via e-mail at [j.haasz@ieee.org](mailto:j.haasz@ieee.org) no later than 11 August 2004.

Please visit our website, IEEE Standards Development Online (<http://standards.ieee.org/resources/development/index.html>), for tools, forms and training to assist you in the standards development process. Also, we strongly recommend that a copy of your draft be sent to this office for review prior to the final vote by the working group to allow for a quick review by editorial staff before sponsor balloting begins.

If you should have any further questions, please contact me at 732-562-6367 or by email at [j.haasz@ieee.org](mailto:j.haasz@ieee.org).

Sincerely,

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# PAR FORM

**PAR Status:** Amendment of Standard

**PAR Approval Date:** 2004-05-13

**PAR Signature Page on File:** Yes

**1. Assigned Project Number:** 802.3ap

**2. Sponsor Date of Request:** 2004-03-25

**3. Type of Document:** Standard for

**4. Title of Document:**

**Draft:** Information technology -- Telecommunications and information exchange between systems -- Local and metropolitan area networks -- specific requirements Part 3: Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD) Access Method and Physical Layer Specifications Amendment: Ethernet Operation Over Electrical Backplanes

**5. Life Cycle:** Full-Use

**6. Type of Project:**

**6a. Is this an update to an existing PAR?** No

**6b. The Project is a:** Amendment to Std 802.3-2002

**7. Working Group Information:**

**Name of Working Group:** IEEE 802.3 CSMA/CD (Ethernet)

**Approximate Number of Expected Working Group Members:**200

**8. Contact information for Working Group Chair:**

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**10. Contact information for Sponsoring Society or Standards Coordinating Committee:**

**Name of Sponsoring Society and Committee:** Computer Society Local and Metropolitan Area Networks

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**11. The Type of ballot is:** Individual Sponsor Ballot**Expected Date of Submission for Initial Sponsor Ballot:** 2006-01-20**12. Fill in Projected Completion Date for Submittal to RevCom:** 2006-05-01**Explanation for Modified PAR that completion date is being extended past the original four-year life of the PAR:****13. Scope of Proposed Project:**

The scope of this project is to specify additions to and appropriate modifications of IEEE Std 802.3 to specify operation at 1000 Mb/s and 10 Gb/s across an electrical backplane leveraging the existing MAC.

**Is the completion of this document contingent upon the completion of another document?** No**14. Purpose of Proposed Project:**

The purpose of this project is to provide standards based Ethernet interconnection of server and telecommunication blades over a modular platform backplane. Industry trends for LAN, SAN and other applications are migrating to backplane interconnects, and this project will optimize Ethernet operation for backplanes.

**14a. Reason for the standardization project:**

The purpose of this project is to provide standards based Ethernet interconnection of server and telecommunication blades over a modular platform backplane. Industry trends for LAN, SAN and other applications are migrating to backplane interconnects, and this project will optimize Ethernet operation for backplanes.

**15. Intellectual Property:****Has the sponsor reviewed the IEEE patent policy with the working group?** Yes**Is the sponsor aware of copyrights relevant to this project?** No**Is the sponsor aware of trademarks relevant to this project?** No**Is the sponsor aware of possible registration of objects or numbers due to this project?** Yes

Management arcs will be allocated under the existing 802.3 hierarchy of arcs.

**16. Are there other documents or projects with a similar scope?** No**Similar Scope Project Information:****17. Is there potential for this document (in part or in whole) to be adopted by another national , regional or international organization?** Yes**If yes, please answer the following questions:****Which International Organization/Committee?** ISO/IEC JTC1 SC6 WG1**International Contact** Robin Tasker**Information?** CLRC

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**18. If the project will result in any health, safety, or environmental guidance that affects or applies to human health or safety, please explain in five sentences or less.****19. Additional Explanatory Notes: (Item Number and Explanation)**

6. This amendment at time of sponsor ballot will be to the then current revision of IEEE 802.3 as amended (P802.3REVam revision publication expected late 2004 or early 2005). 7. IEEE 802.3 voting membership at PAR submission is 200+ individuals from 120+ entities.