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Dear Mr. Weger

I would like to call to your attention that the Hewlett-Packard Company has patents pending on the technology that is employed in Hewlett-Packard's SICL (Standard Instrument Control Library). I would like to assure the IEEE and the members of the IEEE ABBET working group, that should these patents be granted, that the Hewlett-Packard Company is willing to grant licenses under these patents on reasonable and nondiscriminatory terms and conditions to anyone wishing to obtain such a license, if the 1226.5 Software Interface for Communications Buses (a.k.a. Bus Interface) should employ the concepts found in SICL.

It is the intent of Hewlett-Packard Company to create an open standard around SICL, a move that I believe will benefit everyone in the Test and Measurement community. If you have any problems regarding these pending patents please contact me immediately.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'George Sparks'.

George Sparks
General Manager