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Subject RE: LoA for IEEE 802.22 - France Telecom

Hi, David.

As before, the wording in our document is taken verbatim from the new model Letter of Assurance, which has been reviewed before submission. In our today's submission, the wording used in previous LoA submitted by France Telecom was changed to reflect the only modification introduced by the IEEE, i.e. replace the word "is willing to provide" by "will provide".

If the Board / PatCom is considering whether the model LoA should be the *only* acceptable way by which assurance is given about a company's willingness to provide licence (or not) of its essential patents, could you please convey to the appreciation of the Board meeting in March 2006 that at least in our company, we manage all IPR Declarations under a unified tool (database) and it would be very impractical {in fact almost impossible} to accomodate all diverging requirements of all SDO templates (that is to say the FORM of the letter as opposed to the CONTENTS of the letter). On the latter, we are both in agreement that it would soon become impractical for the SDO to process statements that would not exactly be in-line with the carefully crafted and agreed wording - the wording changes being intentional or not.

Thank you for your time in discussing this issue.

Best regards,

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Objet : LoA for IEEE 802.22 - France Telecom

Serge,

Thank you for France Telecom's willingness to provide a patent letter of assurance against IEEE P802.22.

The current IEEE LoA Form is located at <http://standards.ieee.org/board/pat/loa.pdf>

The IEEE Standards Association (IEEE-SA) is currently in the process of deciding whether or not to mandate usage of its LoA Form as the only acceptable Form for submittal of letters of assurance. Language to that effect was crafted by the IEEE-SA Standards Board Patent Committee (PatCom) for the IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws (and IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual). The language was recommended by PatCom for approval by the IEEE-SA Standards Board. The Standards Board had some discussion of this item in December 2005, but tabled the item until the March 2006 Standards Board meeting.

So, at present, it is a bit unclear as to where things will wind up. PatCom has a strong preference for the use of the IEEE LoA Form. Under the present rules, a free-form LoA can be submitted for consideration by PatCom, but this may change in the very near future.

Please consider re-submitting the LoA on an unmodified IEEE LoA Form (which will be accepted by staff [upon receipt/review] on behalf of PatCom).

If you choose to retain your free-form LoA, please let me know and be aware that review of such will be undertaken by PatCom at its March 2006 meeting and that approval is not guaranteed.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Regards,

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Subject

LoA for IEEE 802.22

Dear David,

As per the request of the Chairman IEEE P802.22, in order to comply with the intent of the Board to receive LoA well in advance to standards completion, would you find here attached a Letter of Assurance from France Telecom regarding its (or anyone else's) contribution to an advanced coding scheme that would be based on its fundamental TurboCode patent as contained in Annex 1.

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As usual, a signed copy will be sent to your fax afterwards.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year.

Best regards,

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