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Received  
3/26/02  
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Re: Letter of Assurance

(For TI.424/Trial-Use)  
LB 941

Dear Mr. Eckert,

It has come to my attention that one of our attendees, Thomas Maudoux, at the last TIE1.4 meeting had read into the minutes a patent assurance letter that differed from the one sent by me to your organization. That individual was not authorized to speak on behalf of Texas Instruments Incorporated with respect to this assurance. I am requesting that the minutes of that meeting be amended to reflect such. Texas Instruments stands by its written statement, the substance of which I have reproduced below.

Texas Instruments Incorporated ("TI") is pleased to announce that TI shall, upon request, grant non-exclusive licenses on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms (which may include TI's then current royalty rates) for only such portion of any product which is fully compliant with the TIE1.4 standard, to any such requester under any existing and pending patents of TI which would necessarily be directly infringed by the manufacture, sale and implementation of such product solely because it is fully compliant with the TIE1.4 standard, and provided that a similar grant under such requester's patents within the scope of the license granted to such requested is made available to TI.

We believe that such patent assurance complies with ANSI requirements. I will be happy to discuss this with your legal counsel.

Respectfully,

*E. Earle Thompson*

5/9/02 2:06 pm

E. Earle Thompson  
Senior Counsel

Phone conversation w/ Earle.

cc: Thomas Maudoux  
Susan Carioti

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Megan Campbell