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INCITS Secretariat  
C/o Information Technology Industry Council  
1250 Eye Street NW, Suite 200  
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Re: **Information Technology - AT Attachment 8 - ATA/ATAPI Command Set (ATA8-ACS)**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This statement is being submitted on behalf of Seagate Technology LLC ("Seagate") regarding Seagate patents that may relate to the INCITS standard AT Attachment 8 - ATA/ATAPI Command Set (ATA8-ACS). U.S. Patent No. 7,042,664, which issued to Seagate on May 9, 2006, may relate to the above referenced standard.

In the event that the proposed ATA8-ACS standard becomes a final INCITS standard, and Seagate has patent rights that are essential to implement a product compliant with the standard, Seagate agrees, upon written request from a party, to negotiate with that party a non-sublicenseable, non-transferable, non-exclusive license to the essential claims under reasonable and non-discriminatory terms and conditions, solely to the extent necessary to implement required portions of the ATA8-ACS standard, provided that the party grants a reciprocal license to Seagate and its affiliates and provided that the license terminates if the party initiates or participates in a challenge to the validity of the patent or initiates or adversely to Seagate participates in a patent infringement action, directly or indirectly, regarding the patent.

Any questions regarding this communication should be directed to:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William D. Zahrt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

William D. Zahrt  
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