



April 18, 1997

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RE: Oak Technology Patents Relating  
to ATA/ATAPI-4 Project 1153D

Dear Mr. Milligan:

In response to your inquiry dated November 12, 1996, please be advised that Oak Technology's European Patent Application 95201658.2 has been deemed withdrawn and no appeal of the withdrawal was filed within the specified time limits. Oak European Patent Application 95201657.4 has likewise been withdrawn without an appeal being filed.

You also inquired whether any of Oak's "other patents, or applications, may be required for someone to conform to the requirements in X3T13/1153D as part of a ATA/ATAPI-4 implementation". Having reviewed T13/1153D Revision 10 (March 1997), Oak's present conclusion is that it does not hold and does not anticipate holding any invention the use of which would be required for compliance with the proposed standard in its current form.

Oak wishes to call to your attention its U.S. Patents Nos. 5,581,715 and 5,535,327, which, while not required to comply with the proposed T13/1153D standard, may cover inventions related to implementations incorporating that standard. Oak does not herein make any statement as to its willingness to license these or any other of its patents.

Sincerely,

Shawn M. Soderberg  
General Counsel