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SJ: Quantum Patent(s) Relating to ATA/ATAPI-4 Project 1153 D

Accredited Standards Committee T13 is developing an ATA/ATAPI standard. As a part of this effort we have included your proposal for Ultra DMA.

As a normal part of the standards process T13 regularly makes a call for patents which may be applicable to our work. In response to the call at our October meeting you indicated that patents had been applied for and that Quantum intended to make licenses available in accordance with the ANSI patent policy.

In view of the identification of this statement, I am requesting that Quantum Corporation consider the ATA/ATAPI-4 Project 1153 D to see if you believe your patent(s), or applications, may be required for someone to conform to the requirements in X3T13/1153 D as part of a ATA/ATAPI-4 implementation. If you believe that the patent(s) would be required, I am requesting that you make that patent(s) available for license according to the ANSI patent policy.

The latest revision of the ATA/ATAPI-4 standard (file name d1153r11.doc or d1153r11.pdf) is available by ftp from: x3t13.dt.wdc.com/pub/standards/x3t13

The full text of the Organization, Rules and Procedures of X3 (X3/SD-2) as well as X3/SD-9, Policy and Guidelines should be available through the NCITS home page at <http://www.ncits.org>

The key aspect of the policy is that licenses of required patents be made available on a reasonable and non-discriminatory basis. The various peripheral interface standards projects at least over the last decade have enjoyed a very good record of cooperation in terms of making patents available according to the ANSI patent policy. The cooperation, with only a very few exceptions, has been very beneficial to our industry. Several companies have indicated "blanket compliance" with the policy for interface standards. Please pass this letter on to your patent counsel.

Regards,



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