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Technical Committee T10
NCITS Accredited Standards Committee

Re: United States Patent No. 5,282,247, issued January 25, 1994
*Apparatus and Method for Providing Data Security in a Computer System Having
Removable Memory*

Ladies/Gentlemen:

This letter concerns the standard for providing security for data access on hard disk drives, Serial Bus Protocol 3 (T10/1467D), and the above referenced patent held by Maxtor Corporation.

This is to assure you that Maxtor's policy is to grant a license under the referenced patent on reasonable terms and conditions and on a non-discriminatory basis to any disk drive or other company who so requests a license.

We provide this assurance to assist you in determining the parameters of the security standard. Please understand that we are making only the assurance expressed in this letter and no others.

Sincerely,



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Senior Vice president, Secretary and General Counsel