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To: T10 Membership  
From: Ralph Weber and John Lohmeyer  
Subject: SCSI Physical Working Group Meeting -- January 10-11, 2000  
Surfers Paradise, Queensland, Australia

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## Results of Meeting

### 1. Opening Remarks

John Lohmeyer, the T10 Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m., Monday January 10, 2000. He thanked Dal Allan of ENDL Pacific Technologies for hosting the meeting.

As is customary, the people attending introduced themselves and a copy of the attendance list was circulated.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

The draft agenda was approved with no changes.

No agenda items were added or revised during the course of the meeting.

### 3. Attendance and Membership

Attendance at working group meetings does not count toward minimum attendance requirements for T10 membership. Working group meetings are open to any person or organization directly and materially affected by T10's scope of work. The following people attended the meeting:

Name	S	Organization	Electronic Mail Address
Mr. Vincent Bastiani	A#	Adaptec, Inc.	bastiani@corp.adaptec.com
Mr. Robert C. Elliott	P	Compaq Computer Corp.	Robert.Elliott@compaq.com
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Mr. George O. Penokie	P	IBM Corp.	gop@us.ibm.com
Mr. Dennis Moore	P	KnowledgeTek, Inc.	dmoore@ix.netcom.com
Mr. John Lohmeyer	P	LSI Logic Corp.	lohmeier@t10.org
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Mr. Jay Neer	P	Molex Inc.	jneer@molex.com
Mr. Mark Evans	P	Quantum Corp.	mark.evans@quantum.com
Mr. Gene Milligan	P	Seagate Technology	Gene_Milligan@notes.seagate.com
Mr. Bill Gintz	V	Seus, Inc.	wcgintz@ix.netcom.com
Mr. Robert N. Snively	P	Sun Microsystems Computer Co	bob.snively@sun.com
Mr. Vit Novak	A	Sun Microsystems, Inc.	vit.novak@sun.com
Mr. Paul D. Aloisi	P	Texas Instruments	Paul_Aloisi@ti.com

14 People Present

Status Key: P - Principal  
A,A# - Alternate  
O - Observer  
L - Liaison  
V - Visitor

## 4. SPI-3 Topics

### 4.1 SPI-3 Letter Ballot Comments Review [Penokie]

George Penokie led a review of the comments resolution for the letter ballot on forwarding SPI-3 to first public review (99-350r1). George noted that Bill Ham of Compaq had reviewed the resolutions for his comments prior to this meeting.

Neil Wanamaker defended his letter ballot comment that the use of RESTORE DATA POINTERS in packetized for error recovery in SPI-3 lacks functionality that was present for parallel in SPI-2. George stated that the packetized definition was appropriate because packetized is a new feature that does not work the same as non-packetized SCSI and does not need the same error recovery capabilities in its RESTORE DATA POINTERS function.

In response to comments from Rob Elliott, the use of capitalization and small caps was changed in several places relating to the packetized failure code field.

In response to a comment from Gene Milligan, the group decided to continue allowing the use of TERMPWR for powering devices other than terminators, but to make the details of such use outside the scope of the standard, thus returning SPI-3 to nearly the same position as what appeared in SPI-2.

In response to comment 9.2.28 (see 99-350r1), the group agreed on specific wording changes to the definition of the REQ/ACK period.

The group investigated problems with the hot plugging behavior of the SCA-2 connector and agreed on several steps to be taken over the course of this meeting and the next meeting to finalize a response.

George discussed the Quantum comments with Mark Evans, noting that this was the first time Mark was able to attend a comments resolution review meeting. Mark agreed that all his comments had been resolved satisfactorily.

At the completion of the review, George stated that all comment resolutions had been discussed with the comment authors and that, in his opinion, the process of resolving the letter ballot comments was complete. He stated an intention to request approval of the letter ballot comment resolution at the plenary meeting.

### 4.2 Packetized L\_Q IU type field changes (reflector messages) [Penokie]

George Penokie reported that this issue has been resolved in SPI-3 revision 12 and documented in the comments resolution document 99-350r1.

### 4.3 WDTR/SDTR/PPR Interactions (00-119) [Penokie]

George Penokie led the group in a discussion of how a target negotiates out of a transfer mode that cannot be entered except via a PPR (Parallel Protocol Request) message. Per an agreement from the December meeting, use of the PPR message is restricted to the initiator (to support legacy bus expanders). So, the target must have a way to use the SDTR (Synchronous Data Transfer Request) and WDTR (Wide Data Transfer Request) messages to negotiate out of a state that must have been established by a PPR message.

Following some discussions and inspections of old documents outside the meeting, George presented a substantially revised proposal. He showed that no conflicts occur in wording that previously thought to contain internal conflicts because one paragraph at issue referred to SDTR not WDTR. He proposed that a model section be developed for SPI-4. Then, he reviewed specific minor changes to be made in SPI-3.

In the absence of any objections, the group recommended approval of 00-119r1 (r0 as revised) for inclusion in SPI-3 coincident with the letter ballot comment resolution.

#### **4.4 Breaking a multiple type command sequence (reflector messages) [Srinivasan]**

In response to an e-mail message from Sriram Srinivasan, the group agreed to wording changes in SPI-3, to be handled as resolution of a letter ballot comment. The wording agreed to by the group differed from the wording proposed in the e-mail. George recorded the action agreed by the group in the comments resolution document (99-350r2) as comment number 178.5.

## **5. SPI-4 Topics**

### **5.1 Load Compensation [Novak]**

Vit reported that no new material is ready for presentation. He gave the group a brief review of his current work and the difficulties preventing further progress. Vit asked that this item be dropped from future agendas, until he requests time to present new information.

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**5.9 Proposal for Fast-160 to be included in SPI-4 (99-295) [Milligan]**

Gene Milligan presented a foil from 99-295 showing the setup and hold times. He asked the group how we should specify setup and hold timing given that the clocking signals will transition at the same time as the data signals. The conclusion was that since the skew compensation circuitry in the receiver creates the setup and hold times, there is no need to specify setup and hold times for Fast-160.

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**5.20 Use of eye measurements (00-126r0) [Bastiani]**

Vince Bastiani presented preliminary concepts for a eye diagram method to verify proper operation of a transmitter. The group raised several issues that were boiled down to lack of proper translation of the concepts to a parallel transfer environment from the serial Fibre Channel specifications that Vince used as a source for the presentation. Vince agreed to bring a revised presentation to the next meeting and to continue working on a formal proposal.

## 6. Domain Validation Technical Report Topics

This topic was deferred to a future meeting.

## 7. New Business

No new business was brought before the group.

## 8. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the SCSI Physical Working Group will be Wednesday, February 9, 2000 commencing at 1 p.m. recessing on Wednesday evening and resuming at 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2000 at the Hilton Waterfront Hotel (714-960-7873) in Huntington Beach, CA hosted by QLogic Corp. See 00-116 for meeting arrangements.

The subsequent meeting of this group is Tuesday, March 7, 2000 commencing at 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Suites (972-233-7600) in Dallas, TX hosted by Texas Instruments.

The group proposed additional Physical Working Group meetings on March 27 starting at 1 pm and continuing to March 28 in Monterey, CA and April 27 starting at 1 pm and continuing to April 28 in Colorado Springs, CO.

Paul Aloisi requested that the Cable Performance and Signal Modeling Working Groups meeting schedules be included in these minutes. They are:

Meeting	Date	Location / Contact
Cable Perf. SG	02/07/00 Mon 1:00p	Huntington Beach, CA / Jones
SCSI Model WG	02/08/00 Tue 9:00a	Huntington Beach, CA / Jones
Cable Perf. SG	02/29/00 Tue	Manchester, NH / Daggett
SCSI Model WG	03/01/00 Wed	Manchester, NH / Daggett
Cable Perf. SG	04/11/00 Tue	Monterey, CA / Abou-Jeyab
SCSI Model WG	04/12/00 Wed	Monterey, CA / Abou-Jeyab

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 11, 2000.