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Stuart Mabon
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Dear Mr. Mabon,

Accredited Standards Committee X3T10 is developing a family of SCSI-3 standards. As a part of this effort we are currently working on a proposal for XOR commands which is intended to be folded into the SCSI-3 Block Commands standard (disk drive commands). The SCSI-3 Block Commands are applicable to various transport protocols such as parallel SCSI and SSA.

As a normal part of the standards process X3T10 made a call for patents which may be applicable to our work. In response to the call at a recent meeting our attention was drawn to patent number 5,191,584 Mass Storage Array With Efficient Parity Calculation assigned to Micropolis Corporation.

In view of the identification of this patent, I am requesting that Micropolis consider the XOR Commands in SCSI Disk Drives document X3T10/94-111 to see if you believe patent number 5,191,584 or any of your other patents may be required for someone to conform to requirements in X3T10/94-111 as part of a SCSI-3 implementation. If you believe that the patents would be required, I am requesting that you make those patents available for license according to the ANSI patent policy.

For your reference I am enclosing copies of the XOR document and the ANSI patent policy. The key aspect of the policy is that licenses of required patents be made available on a reasonable and non-discriminatory basis.


John Lohmeyer
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