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SCSI-3 Scanner Working Group

Dear Mr Tharakan

I notice from the minutes of the first meeting that you are trying to contact other scanner vendors to invite participation in this group. Crosfield is very interested in this activity, but finds it difficult to travel to the US every two months to participate. We do, however, participate in the ASC IT8, which is concerned with digital data interchange between electronic prepress systems and their respective components. IT8 already has an approved ANSI standard, IT8.4, based on SCSI, to cover color hardcopy output devices, and our WG14 is currently working on its companion to cover input scanners. I am most anxious that work is not duplicated between the two groups, as we all have enough to do without that, and am encouraging Bob Prichard of Dainippon Screen US Representative Office to attend or send a colleague to the SCSI-3 meeting on Wednesday. You will recall Bob's fax regarding our work, which was included in the May X3T9.2 mailing (doc # 91/50). Unfortunately, certain pages were missing, but he should be able to provide you with more up-to-date information. In particular, IT8 has done work on a "scanner capabilities response", colour aspects, and file formats, which are the three items highlighted in the minutes of your first meeting. I hope that the two groups will be able to work closely together with a full and fruitful liaison, and that in future we will find it easier to attend one another's meetings. The next IT8/WG14 meetings are planned for October in Florida and the December in Washington, DC. You would be most welcome to attend these meetings. We hope to have a first draft of some form available for discussion at the October meeting.

Regards,

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