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Reply to: Peter McLean

To: Tom Lee
Nanjing e-Security Technology Co., Ltd.

From: Peter McLean, Chairman T13

Subject: Patent issue

Dear Mr. Lee,

Thank you for your email of 30 January 2002 with regard to the SET MAX ADDRESS command in the ATA/ATAPI standards. We at technical committee T13 also feel that it is important to cooperate on such issues.

You may be aware that the American National Standards Institute that publishes the ATA/ATAPI standards has a policy regarding the inclusion of patented features in published standards. This policy is available at http://www.ansi.org/public/ref_lib.html. Click on "Guides", then on "Guidelines for Implementation of the ANSI Patent Policy". If you cannot access this on the World Wide Web, but could receive it as an attachment to email, please let me know and I will forward the document to you.

We encourage you to agree to the ANSI Patent Policy and look forward to a response from you indicating whether or not you would be willing to agree to this policy.

Regards,

Peter McLean, Chairman T13

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