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Subj: Microsoft's Notice of Intent to Opt Out Re SNIA's Call for IP Disclosure for DDF v1.2

Dear Phil and Robin:

The purpose of this correspondence is to respond to SNIA's April 20, 2006 e-mail "Call For IP Disclosure" re the Common RAID Disk Data Format Specification revision 1.2 DRAFT "(DDF v1.2)".

Please know that Microsoft did not Participate in the Technical Working Group ("TWG") developing DDF v1.2. Pursuant to Section 3.3.3 of the SNIA IP Policy, Microsoft hereby opts out of the review and disclosure regarding DDF v1.2. Microsoft's intent to opt out will continue with regards to future versions of the DDF Specification so long as Microsoft does not participate in the DDF TWG.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,



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