

August 31, 2006

Mr. Phillip Mills, Secretary, SNIA Board of Directors
Storage Networking Industry Association
500 Sansome Street
Suite 504
San Francisco, CA 94111

Re: Notice of Essential Claims Relating to the SNIA DDF Specification, Version 1.2

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In response to the Notice of Intent to Designate SNIA Architecture for the "Disk Data Format Specification Version 1.2" dated April 21, 2006, and in compliance with Version 2.0 of the Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) Intellectual Property Policy, EMC Corporation of Hopkinton, Massachusetts (EMC), submits the following:

EMC hereby discloses that at least one of the claims of US Patent 5,325,497 is an Essential Claim necessarily infringed in the implementation of a portion of DDF Specification Version 1.2. EMC has the right to license this patent. Should the DDF Specification Version 1.2 be designated a SNIA Architecture, EMC agrees to license the Essential Claims of this patent on terms acceptable to EMC and consistent with Section 3.5 of SNIA Intellectual Property Policy Version 2.0.

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Yours truly,



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