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Philip R. Mills, Secretary, SNIA Board of Directors  
Storage Networking Industry Association  
500 Sansome Street, Suite #504  
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Re: Notice of Essential Claims Relating to the SNIA DDF v1.2 Specification

Dear Mr. Mills:

In response to the SNIA request for disclosure of Intellectual Property Claims that HP has identified that may be infringed by the Disk Data Format (DDF) v1.2 specification, the following Essential Claims are identified:

1. US Patent No. 5,440,716 --- Claims 1-4
2. US Patent No. 5,592,648 --- Claim 5
3. US Patent No. 5,909,691 --- Claim 6
4. US Patent No. 6,505,268 --- Claims 4 and 7

HP is not willing to license these patents in compliance with Sections 3.4 & 3.5 of the Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) Intellectual Property Policy, Version 2.0 as approved on August 28, 2003. HP, however, is willing to consider possible licensing of these Essential Claims on an individual basis to interested parties.

Respectfully,

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