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**CONFIRMATION**

Dear Mr. Johansson:

Re: IEEE P1394a/Patent License Policy

In response to your letter of February 3, 1998 regarding the above subject addressed to Mr. Harold Fujii, IP Department of Sony US Research Labs, we are writing to you with respect to our patent license policy for the standardization of the High Performance Serial Bus at IEEE P1394a Group.

If IEEE adopts a standard for the above P1394a (Standard for a High Performance Serial Bus (Supplement) ), Sony Corporation is willing to grant non-exclusive, non-transferable licenses on fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory terms and conditions under any of its patent rights, under which Sony Corporation has the free right to grant licenses and to the extent necessary to comply with this standard, for use in this bus system that fully comply with this standard, to any third party which has submitted or will submit an equivalent undertaking with respect to this standard.

Very truly yours,



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