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Mr. Stuart Kerry
Chair, Standards Committee
IEEE Standard No. 802.11-TGE

Re: Royalty-free Patent License Assurance Regarding Atheros Proposal for
Virtual Distributed Coordination Function (VDCF)
As Embodied in Document Number 802.11-01/131

Dear Mr. Kerry:

We write to inform you that Atheros Communications, Inc. hereby agrees to provide, on a royalty-free basis, licenses under any patents which might issue from any of its pending patent applications with respect to the proposed VDCF technique, as embodied in Document Number 802.11-01/131, considered by the 802.11 Task Group E in March, 2001.

In this regard, in the event the proposed VDCF technique, as embodied in the Document, is adopted and the standard cannot be practiced without the use of any patents which may issue from the pending patent applications, Atheros Communications, Inc. agrees upon written request to grant a nonexclusive license under such patents on a royalty-free basis and on reasonable terms and conditions.

This letter does not grant any right to the IEEE with respect to Atheros Communications, Inc. copyrights or other intellectual property rights that relate to the proposed standard.

Any party interested in the license described above may write to the undersigned at the above-listed address.

Very truly yours,



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