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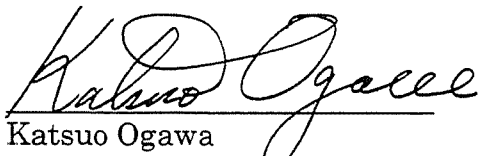
Dear Mr. van den Beld,

This letter is to inform you that, in the event that ECMA adopts an ECMA Standard for 80mm DVD-Read-Only Disk, Hitachi, Ltd. will grant, on a non-discriminatory basis, to any party requesting it, licenses on commercially reasonable terms and condition, for its patents deemed to be necessary for the implementation of the ECMA Standard.

This declaration remains valid only as long as the corresponding ECMA Standard remains valid.

We trust that this declaration complies with the ECMA Code of Conduct in Patent Matter related to standardized systems.

Yours faithfully,


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