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Storage Bridge Bay Working Group, Inc.  
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**RE: RAND STATEMENT**

Gentlemen:

FCI Americas Technology, and its affiliates own patents rights relating to the mating interface of FCI's AIRMAX VS ® line of high speed back panel connectors. We understand the Storage Bridge Bay Working Group(SBB) is considering the use of connectors for SBB specified systems / products having a mating interface configured in the manner of FCI's current 3 pair 6 IMLA vertical receptacle and right angle header AIRMAX VS ® products.

If SBB incorporates into its final specification such a connector interface, FCI Americas Technology, Inc. is willing to grant licenses to third parties on reasonable and non discriminating terms under any Necessary Patent Claim for the limited purpose of making connector compliant with SBB's connectors interface specification.

Necessary Patent Claim means a claim of a patent owned by FCI Americas Technology, Inc. or its affiliates that is necessarily infringed by implementing those portions of a final SBB specification, meaning that there is no commercially reasonable non-infringing alternative for implementing such portions of this final specification. This undertaking concerns only Necessary Patent Claims relating to the interface between mateable connectors and does not constitute a representation with respect to other structures or performance features of FCI's AIRMAX VS® connectors.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Richard Page', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

M. Richard Page  
Vice President, FCI Americas Technology, Inc.