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Mr. Bjorkman and Mr. Florit,

Thank you for your liaison regarding the MA Short Name format in 802.1ag-2007. We believe that MA Short Name formats beyond the ones specified in Table 21-20 can be supported by 802.1ag as currently written. The rules for validation of CFM PDUs and the MIB module definitions appear to allow transmission and reception of such frames following configuration of the relevant managed objects, which is also possible.

We note that support of the defined name formats in Table 21-20 is not specifically required by 802.1ag. However, we agree that interoperability might be improved by specifically listing the ICC-based Format in 802.1Q. We anticipate that 802.1 may receive an Interpretation Request concerning this, which would allow us to publish suitable changes for inclusion in a subsequent revision of 802.1Q. At this time, we anticipate that such a revision is likely to be completed by early 2011.

Best regards,