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Dear Mr. Ruffini,

Thank you for your response to our previous liaison, including the draft G.8273.2 Amendment. It is very good to see that some of the issues being addressed by IEEE P802.3cx are also reflected in this amendment.

Thank you for sending your thoughts regarding equipment communicating timestamping capabilities. The IEEE P802.3cx Task Force agrees in principle. Draft P802.3cx includes updates to IEEE 802.3 clause 30 (Management) and clause 45 (Management Data Input/Output (MDIO) Interface). For example, new registers are specified in clause 45.2 to indicate the capability to report transmit and receive path data delay in sub-nanoseconds, with the associate attributes updated in 30.13 and elaboration on how to use these registers also described in clause 45.2. These updates introduced by IEEE P802.3cx may be considered for the work described in your liaison. Please note, however, that timestamping

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mechanisms and capability communication protocols are outside the scope of IEEE P802.3cx.

Current draft D2.3 of IEEE P802.3cx is attached for your information.

We likewise look forward to continuing fruitful cooperation.

Sincerely,

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