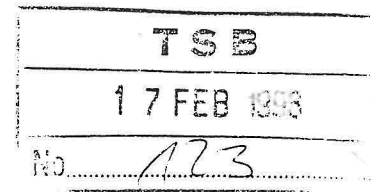


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Geneva, 17 February 1998

Dear Dr. Irmer,

As requested by the Chairman of the SG 15 during the 10 February '98 SG 15 Plenary Meeting, please find in the following the clarification of the Pirelli Cavi e Sistemi S.p.A. statement on the patents, concerning G.691 and G.692 recommendations, listed at point 3 of D.263 (PLEN) submitted at the February '98 SG 15 meeting.

G.691 and G.692 Recommendations

Patents related to:

- optical transponder (Amplifier adapter for optical lines);
- optical supervisory channel (Optical fibre telecommunication line with separate optically transmitted service channels);
- protection devices for optical amplifier (Optical fibre telecommunications line with protection device for optical amplifiers; Optical fibre telecommunication line with shut off control)

| European patent | US patent |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| EP 431654 (granted) | US 5,267,073 (granted) |
| EP 440276 (granted) | US 5,113,459 (granted) |
| EP 506163 (application) | US 5,278,686 (granted) |
| EP 507367 (application) | US 5,355,250 (granted) |

With reference to the ITU-T "Statement on TSB patent policy", Pirelli is not willing to comply with the provisions of either paragraph I.2.1 or I.2.2. Therefore paragraph I.2.3 applies.

Pirelli asks the ITU TSB to update the Pirelli's patent statement filed in the ITU patent database according to the information provided in D.263 (PLEN) and amended in this letter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paolo Boero".

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