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Subject: AT&T Patents for Arithmetic Coding and Bi-level Image Coding

Dear Mr. Smith:

AT&T is desirous of the adoption of ISO SPECIFICATIONS 10198 (Digital Compression and Coding of Continuous-tone Still Images) and 11544 (Coded Representation of Picture and Audio Information — Progressive Bi-level Image Compression). Toward this end, it is intended that our patents not present an impediment to the adoption of these SPECIFICATIONS and we wish to encourage their broad deployment while maintaining incentive to continue innovation.

Accordingly, to the extent that AT&T has existing patents or may in the future obtain patents which are essential to these SPECIFICATIONS, it is our policy that a license will be made available by AT&T to any applicant upon reasonable terms and conditions that are demonstrably free of any unfair discrimination provided only that a similar grant under any of licensee's patents within the scope of the license granted to licensee is made available to AT&T upon request.

As a result of our past licensing practices, many of the major manufacturers who would be interested in providing the type of equipment which will use these

SPECIFICATIONS are currently licensed.

AT&T has been granted patents on aspects of arithmetic coding that are needed **for** using the 10198 SPECIFICATION in its arithmetic coding modes. These **patents** and additional patents on typical prediction and adaptive context are **needed** to implement some modes of the 11544 SPECIFICATION.

A party that wishes to receive further information or to request a license should write to

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