

Appendix 6: Declaration of VITA Member Company

Section 10 of the *VSO Policies and Procedures* requires the undersigned WG Member⁴ to complete and execute this Declaration on behalf of the VITA Member Company he or she represents. The Declaration is irrevocable. Any subsequent Declaration covering information disclosed in this Declaration may only supersede this Declaration if the subsequent Declaration is less restrictive upon prospective licensees than the information set forth in this Declaration. This Declaration will apply to the Draft VSO Specification⁵ identified below in Section C and to all reaffirmations or revisions to such Draft VSO Specification.

A. VITA Member Company

Legal Name of Organization Meritec, A Division of Ohio Associated Enterprises, LLC
a Delaware Limited Liability Company

B. WG Member Representing the VITA Member Company

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C. Draft VSO Specification

Number: VITA 76.0
Title: Ruggedized High Bandwidth Copper 11/0 Connector System

D. Disclosure of Patents Containing Essential Claims

1. In accordance with Section 10 of the *VSO Policies and Procedures*, the undersigned WG Member shall disclose, on behalf of the VITA Member Company he or she represents, all patents or patent applications that the VITA Member Company (or its Affiliates⁶) may own or control and that it believes may contain claims essential to create an implementation compliant with the Draft VSO Specification identified above in Section C of this Declaration.

⁴ For purposes of this Declaration, "WG Member" includes all three levels of membership described in Section 7.1.4 of the *VSO Policies and Procedures*: sponsors, participants, and observers.

⁵ For purposes of this Declaration, "Draft VSO Specification" includes any eventual standard developed and adopted under Track 1 or Track 2 in Section 7.2 of the *VSO Policies and Procedures* as an IEC Industry Technical Agreement, a VSO or VITA Specification, or an American National Standard.

⁶ For purposes of this Declaration, an "Affiliate" is any entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, another entity, so long as such control exists. For purposes of this definition, with respect to a business entity, control means direct or indirect beneficial ownership of or the right to exercise (i) greater than fifty percent (50%) of the voting stock or equity in an entity; or (ii) greater than fifty percent (50%) of the ownership interest representing the right to make the decisions for the subject entity in the event that there is no voting stock or equity.

Patent / Application No.: 61/549,927
Title: Electrical Contact with Redundant Contact Points

Patent / Application No.: 61/549,921
Title: Hermadthroditic Interconnect System

Patent / Application No.: _____
Title: _____

Attach additional pages if necessary.

- 2. Does the VITA Member Company the undersigned represents hold a license from another party to a patent that may include a claim essential to create an implementation compliant with the Draft VSO Specification identified above in Section C of this Declaration?

Yes No

If yes, the undersigned shall disclose on behalf of the VITA Member Company all patents to which the VITA Member Company holds a license from another party that may include a claim essential to create an implementation compliant with the Draft VSO Specification identified above in Section C.

Patent No.: _____
Title: _____
Licensor: _____

Attach additional pages if necessary.

E. VITA Member Company’s Declaration regarding the Licensing of Essential Patents

In accordance with Section 10 of the *VSO Polices and Procedures*, the VITA Member Company, by and through the undersigned, hereby declares for itself, its Affiliates, successors, assigns, and transferees of its patent rights its licensing position with respect to all patents that it may hold or control and that contain claims that may be essential to create an implementation compliant with the Draft VSO Specification identified above in Section C of this Declaration, as follows:

- 1. The VITA Member Company will grant to all interested parties a nonexclusive, worldwide, nonsublicensable (except to the extent necessary "to have made"), perpetual patent license (or equivalent non-assertion covenant) for its patent claims essential to create an implementation compliant with the above-referenced Draft VSO Specification on fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory terms to use, make, have made, market, import, offer to sell, and sell, and to otherwise directly or indirectly distribute products that implement the Draft VSO Specification. (The

license need only extend to the portions of the Draft VSO Specification for which the license is essential to its implementation. Any other intended condition or limitation on this commitment is stated in a letter accompanying this Declaration.)

2. The VITA Member Company will grant a license to all such claims to all interested parties with a royalty rate that will not exceed: USD \$ 100,000.00 , ~~or~~ 7.5% of product price, per unit.
and
3. The VITA Member Company attaches to this Declaration a draft licensing agreement for any claims essential to create an implementation compliant with the Draft VSO Specification identified above in Section C (the final licensing agreement will not be more restrictive upon licensees than this draft); or
 The VITA Member Company will not include in its final licensing agreement for all claims essential to create an implementation compliant with the Draft VSO Specification identified above in Section C a grantback, reciprocal license, non-assert provision, covenant not to sue, or defensive suspension provision that is broader and more restrictive upon prospective licensees than those specified in Section 10 of the current *VSO Policies and Procedures*.

F. Signature

By signing this Declaration, the undersigned represents that he or she is authorized to bind the VITA Member Company as stated herein. The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that this Declaration is a binding agreement between the VITA Member Company and VITA, and its terms are enforceable against the VITA Member Company, its Affiliates, successors, assigns, and transferees. The undersigned further acknowledges and agrees on behalf of the VITA Member Company that each licensee and prospective licensee of patent claims essential to implement the Draft VSO Specification identified above in Section C is an intended beneficiary of this agreement, and each such beneficiary is entitled to rely upon and enforce against the VITA Member Company the provisions set forth in this Declaration.

Signature:



Print Name:

John T. Venaleck

Title:

CTO

Organization:

Associated Enterprises

Date:

04/30/2012