



April 9, 2009

*Via Email Attachment to Secretary@SNIA.org*

Philip R. Mills  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
Storage Networking Industry Association  
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**Re: SNIA Request for Disclosure for SMI-S v1.3.0 rev 6**

Dear Mr. Mills:

This letter responds to the "SNIA Request for Disclosure of Intellectual Property Claims" asking that SNIA members and participants observe the disclosure obligations of Section 3.3.2 of the SNIA Intellectual Property (IP) Policy v3.0, regarding the Storage Management Initiative Specification (SMI-S) version 1.3.0 rev 6 dated February 20, 2009, with Review Period commencing February 21, 2009.

Microsoft did not participate, within the meaning of the SNIA IP Policy, in the Technical Working Group that developed, contributed, modified, or recommended any portion of SMI-S v1.3.0 rev 6. Accordingly, Microsoft opts out from the Review Period and disclosure obligations of Section 3.3.2 of the SNIA IP Policy, as permitted by Section 3.3.3 of the Policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoffrey M. Creighton".

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