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Dear Mr. Cox,

Mercury and Freescale jointly own four patents which Mercury believes are necessary to the implementation of all revisions of the RapidIO Specification. We list these patents below.

U.S. Patent 7,031,258 Digital Data System with Link Level Message Flow Control

U.S. Patent 7,106,742 Method and System for Link Fabric Error Detection and Message Flow Control

U.S. Patent 6,678,773 Bus protocol independent method and structure for managing transaction priority, ordering and deadlocks in a multi-processing system

U.S. Patent 6,862,283 Method and apparatus for maintaining packet ordering with error recovery among multiple outstanding packets between two devices

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