Dear Mr. van den Beld,

This letter is to inform you that, in the event that ECMA establishes an ECMA Standard for 80 mm DVD-Read-only Disk, THOMSON multimedia, both itself and on behalf of its majority owned or controlled subsidiaries (hereafter, collectively, "THOMSON") will grant or have granted, on a nondiscriminatory basis, to any party requesting it, licenses on commercially reasonable terms and conditions, for its patent(s), if any, deemed to be necessary for the implementation of the Standard, for use in products in conformance with this ECMA Standard.

This declaration remains valid only as long as the corresponding ECMA Standard remains valid, and applies only to such parties that have signed or sign this ECMA patent declaration.

We trust that this declaration complies with the ECMA Code of Conduct in Patent Matters related to standardized systems.

Yours faithfully,

Signature: B. de Russé

Name in block letters: Béatrix de RUSSE

Title: Vice President Licensing and Intellectual Property

Date: December 8, 1997