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Dear Mr. Brannon,

We have recently received a letter from Mr. J. van den Beld, requesting authorization for reference to *The Unicode Standard*, one of two international standards for the universal multiple-octet coded character set. This is of immediate interest for ECMA-262 (ECMAScript), submitted to ISO/IEC JTC 1 under the fast-track procedure as DIS 16262.

It is our understanding that to effectuate a normative reference to *The Unicode Standard*, ECMA has sent a Referencing Explanatory Report (see annex) to JTC 1, as ECMA comments to the DIS ballot, before the ballot terminated. This Report provides the justification for referencing *The Unicode Standard*.

The Uncode Cponsortium works in close cooperation with JTC 1/SC2/WG2, especially with the chairman, Mike Ksar, who has been instrumental in initiating and supporting the close working relationship between the two groups. We agree that such normative references as the one requested are beneficial to the continued joint development work of the organizations, and to the communities that those organizations both serve.

We hereby approve the use of a normative reference to *The Unicode Standard* by ISO/IEC in DIS 16262 (ECMAScript). In addition, we also give approval for future informative or normative references to *The Unicode Standard* in other ISO/IEC standards.

Best regards,

Mark E. Davis

Cc: J. van den Beld, Mike Ksar