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Memorandum to: Monica Vago

Subject: Establishment of new Task Group, H2.3 SQL/XML

From: D.R. Deutsch, Chair
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BACKGROUND

In 2000, an informal group of companies was formed to develop specifications related to the use of SQL and XML together. This group, known as the SQLX Group, has operated in the mode of producing proposals that are submitted for consideration to H2; H2 has typically forwarded proposals that meet its approval to ISO/IEC JTC1/SC32 for further consideration.

While this mechanism worked well for two years, recently the SQLX Group became aware of some disadvantages associated with their informal mode of operation. As a result, representatives from several member companies participating in both the SQLX Group and H2 submitted a paper asking INCITS H2 to establish a new SQL/XML Task Group so that future proposals against the SQL/XML specification — including proposals to address ballot comments submitted by the USA and other National Bodies in response to the Final Committee Draft ballot recently completed — could be developed within the *de jure* standards environment.

ACTION ESTABLISHING NEW TASK GROUP H2.3

At our 19-21 August 2002 meeting in Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA, H2 approved 9-0-0-4 (total membership 13) a motion to:

“... establish a new Task Group H2.3 to develop proposals for approval by H2 (and to carry out other tasks assigned by H2) in furtherance of part 14 of the SQL standard, ANSI ISO/IEC 9075-14, SQL/XML. In accordance with the INCITS SD-2, the H2 Chair will appoint a Chairperson for new Task Group H2.3.”

In my capacity as Chair of H2, I appointed Fred Zemke Temporary Chair and Convenor of the first meeting of H2.3. I further asked that the membership of H2.3 recommend one or more candidates that I could consider before appointing a “permanent” H2.3 chair.

The last SQL/XML meeting held recently provided the following additional information about the new TG.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Tentative list of members:

HP, NCR, IBM, Microsoft, Oracle, and Northup Grumman all indicated they are interested in joining the new task group. All of these companies are members of H2 except Northup Grumman who is an advisory member.

Some SQLX participants who did not attend the meeting including Sybase and River City Research Group also have expressed interest in joining the task group.

Other SQLX participants have not indicated whether they intend to join H2.3 including Fidelity Investments, FileTek, Progress, Software AG, and Shop.com.

Initial meeting date:

The SQLX participants agreed that a good date for the first H2.3 meeting is Wed Nov 6. Oracle offered to host the meeting in Redwood Shores, CA.

In addition the SQLX Group tentatively scheduled a second meeting on Fri Dec 6; the definite dates and venue for this meeting will be determined at the initial meeting of H2.3.

Monica, please let me know if you need any additional information to publicize this important new Task Group.

Regards...Don