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### **Re: Optical fibre terminology**

At its meeting in Los Cabos, Mexico on 23-27 March 2009, ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25/WG 3 addressed some confusion associated with the specification of optical fibre attenuation. In order to distinguish between the insertion loss of an optical fibre and the different insertion loss of a cabled optical fibre, ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25/WG 3 has decided to more accurately use the term "cabled optical fibre".

The existing "OMx" and "OSx" optical performance designations used in ISO/IEC cabling standards already refer to cabled optical fibre performance.

ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25/WG 3 would like to bring this important change to the attention of IEEE 802.3 and requests that IEEE 802.3 also adopts the same terminology in its application standards.