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RE: EMC Licensing Agreement -- Data Domain Clarification with IBM i

To Whom It May Concern:

The licensing agreement between IBM and EMC regarding IBM i is an agreement that IBM will provide EMC with details of IBM i external disk storage interfaces. The intent is to provide EMC with the information EMC needs to develop EMC product interoperability interfaces to connect EMC disk products (Symmetrix) to IBM i. While the IBM i Development Team does work with EMC to ensure the IBM i interface is understood, all EMC product qualification and testing is done by EMC. The IBM i Development Team does not do any testing with EMC products, and does not "support" any EMC products.

The scope of this agreement is limited to IBM i external disk storage interfaces only, and does not include tape technologies, virtual tape technologies, or any other technologies. The current agreement is referred to as "IBM/EMC Technology License Agreement, Base Number: EMCB001, Transaction Document Number EMCT003". This base agreement was put in place in 2006. There have been addendums to the base agreement, but they served primarily to extend the duration of the licensing agreement.

To clarify specific to the discussion today, this agreement does not provide:

- Interfaces for IBM i BRMS Tape Systems Specifications
- Interfaces for IBM i BRMS Virtual Tape Systems Specifications
- Support for any disk-based technology that presents itself to the IBMi Host as Tape or Virtual Tape
- Interfaces to or support of Data Domain systems

Further, IBM does not perform any testing of EMC equipment with this agreement. All interoperability and testing is the responsibility of EMC and EMC alone.

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