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Patent Disclosure Notice to Khronos Group Members and Participants in accordance with Section 5.5 of the Khronos Promoter Agreement:

SGI owns US Patent #6,650,327, "DISPLAY SYSTEM HAVING FLOATING POINT RASTERIZATION AND FLOATING POINT FRAMEBUFFERING," issued November 18, 2003. We believe this patent contains necessary IP for graphics systems implementing floating point (FP) rasterization and FP framebuffer capabilities.

We will not grant the Khronos Group royalty-free use of this IP for use in OpenGL ES, but we will discuss licensing on RAND terms, on an individual basis with companies wishing to use this IP in the context of conformant OpenGL ES implementations. We do not plan to make any special exemption for open source implementations.

However, we do wish to enable Khronos to standardize OpenGL ES APIs for accessing such FP capable hardware, in order to provide a single interface for the benefit of ISVs. We believe it is possible to structure the specifications currently being developed by the OpenGL ES working group to allow, but not require, such FP capabilities to be exposed and used by applications, and we are willing to cooperate with the working group to define the specifications in this manner. Each vendor will then be able to decide whether or not to expose these interfaces. It is the implementation of these FP capabilities which will require an SGI license.

Please direct all inquiries regarding licensing to:



Jon Leech will work with the Khronos Group to resolve technical issues as described above, but he cannot address non-technical issues.

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