Thank you for your reply liaison (IETF MPLS – LS 84 - E) in response to our previous liaison (COM15-LS005-E) concerning linear protection switching for MPLS-TP. We appreciate the work that has been done to resolve the concerns identified in COM15-LS005-E.

WP3/15 would like to advise you that the following agreements were made.

- WP3/15 appreciates the cooperation between ITU-T and IETF on MPLS-TP standardization and hopes it will continue for the benefit of the global industry. Our expectation is that this collaboration will allow us to develop draft text, for a revision to Recommendation ITU-T G.8131.

- WP3/15 recognizes the urgency to align the existing T-MPLS linear protection Recommendation ITU-T G.8131 to MPLS-TP in a manner that fully satisfies the requirements expressed by the ITU-T. This will enable us to complete the set of MPLS-TP Recommendations required by the market.

- WP3/15 would like to initiate work on a revision to ITU-T G.8131, that will include normative references to the IETF MPLS-TP RFCs, that will meet the requirements expressed by ITU-T. We request that the work to update the MPLS-TP linear protection RFCs to satisfy the requirements expressed by the ITU-T is completed in time to allow us to consent a revision to ITU-T G.8131 in April 2014.

With respect to the manual switch-over for recovery LSP/span portion of point 9, our understanding is that your reply “that behaviour should be considered a bug” is referring to the content of
RFC6378 and not to the behaviour we described in COM15-LS005-E. Please confirm that our understanding is correct.

We take note that a draft has been submitted to resolve this issue, and encourage our ITU-T participants to participate in discussions of this draft.