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**Conditional Grant of Rights to Specific Hewlett-Packard Patents
In Conjunction With the Internet Engineering Task Force's
Internet-Standard Network Management Framework**

Status of This Memo

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Note:

This document is NOT a standard. It is an announcement to interested parties of a conditional grant by the Hewlett-Packard Company (HP) of certain rights to use autotopology network management technology covered by specific HP patents in conjunction with the Internet Engineering Task Force's (IETF's) Internet-standard network management framework.

Purpose

This grant is made to help facilitate inclusion of certain patented search address technology covering network device mapping in IETF standards-track Management Information Base (MIB) modules. HP is offering this search address technology to the IETF as a technique for mapping network devices. It should be noted that the confirmatory license mentioned is optional, since the grant of rights is automatic.

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