

LETTER OF ASSURANCE FOR ESSENTIAL PATENT CLAIMS
FFX Mode of Operation for Format-Preserving Encryption

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United States Patent 7864952, Pauker, et al., "Data processing systems with format-preserving encryption and decryption engines," issued 01/04/2011.

US Patent Application Serial No. 12/967,008, Pauker, et al., "Data processing systems with format-preserving encryption and decryption engines"

Voltage represents and warrants to its actual knowledge as of the date of this Letter of Assurance that it is the sole owner by assignment of United States Patent 7864952 and US Patent Application Serial No. 12/967,008. Additional patent applications related to the above referenced patent applications or proposed standard may be filed, including continuations and other related applications.

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