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Board of Regulators BEREC 2010 Brussels

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Dear Sirs,

BEREC Draft Work Programme 2010

Corning welcomes the opportunity to comment on the BEREC Draft Work Programme for 2010 which is an update of the IRG/ERG Work programme previously consulted upon.

While we continue to welcome the emphasis on implementation and other issues related to the roll out of Next Generation Access Networks, we would ask that certain aspects be prioritised in the work programme. Corning believes that BEREC can play an important role in ensuring appropriate standardisation of multi-fibre deployments across Europe by specifying the number of lines and the manner of deployment. This could usefully be achieved by identifying and recommending best practice amongst its members, many of whom are starting to experience actual NGA developments in their markets. Corning believes that BEREC can play an important role in monitoring NGA developments particularly around published and actual network performance, both upstream and downstream and the effects of contention and reporting on those network evolutions.

Finally, we suggest that public consultations be extended in particular to the work planned under Sections 1.2, 1.5 and 2.7 of the programme since technical developments and understandings are ongoing and that these areas would benefit from a thorough understanding from the market.

As an industry leader in the implementation of next generation access network passive infrastructure, Corning would be pleased to work with the BEREC in any way helpful to you.

Yours faithfully.

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