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Dear Bryan,

Re: Collaborative research in Message Passing Environments for Java

Herewith I confirm our willingness to collaborate closely with the project proposed by you, entitled, "Integration of High Performance Message-based Programming Environments with Distributed Objects and the Web". As previously discussed and agreed, particular areas of joint research interest include the development of a message passing API specification for Java, a pilot implementation, as well as performance evaluation experiments and multi-language application software development.

We are also looking forward to collectively participating in the forthcoming International Java Grande forum meetings, which would be an ideal environment for discussion and presentation of joint ideas and results, within the target research field. Your project proposal would also be a natural extension to our current collaboration in the area of MPI-like Java API specification within the Message Passing Working Group of the Java Grande forum.

Best regards,

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