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Dear Alan,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and your colleagues from the University of Queensland, Queensland Institute of Technology and Griffith University on Monday last.

The meeting was extremely beneficial to our organisation. We would like to thank you for your input and assistance regarding security in the Sun operating environment and how we might more adequately address customer needs in this important area.

The purpose of this letter is to summarise the initiatives that were determined in the meeting and to reinforce Sun's wish to remain actively involved on an ongoing basis.

Sun committed to making a person or persons available this week to work with Sid Duffy to create a core operating environment for Sun incorporating all current security patches. A secondary goal of this joint initiative is to determine more appropriate methods of packaging in the future, and to attempt to define the procedures that will be employed to simplify and improve the process.

I will contact you directly and advise who will be assigned from Sun and when they will be made available.

Sun also signified its willingness to work actively with the institutions represented in a co-operative venture that would allow the analysis and testing of security patches and the implementation of a "most secure possible" operating environment. Sun is considering how it can actively contribute to this venture and your respective organisations are considering the structure of this co-operative venture. A further meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, at 2.30pm to discuss this matter.

Sun wishes to stress again that totally secure operating environments cannot be delivered. We do, however, believe that by working more closely with you we can certainly eradicate the more common security breaches. We also recognise that a security patch is generally never developed until such time as security has been breached and the path of the breach determined.

By working closely with you we trust that this level of security breach can also be minimised and that Sun will be able to act more effectively under these conditions.

Alan, please feel free to contact me immediately should you wish to further discuss any of these matters or should you have any comments or queries prior to our next meeting.

Yours faithfully
Sun Microsystems Australia Pty Ltd

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