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Mr. Eric Roiter

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Fidelity Investments

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Re: Avid Technology, Inc. (the Company) 2005 Stock Incentive Plan

Dear Mr. Roiter:

This letter is in response to the telephone call the Company received on July 25, 2005 from Fidelity Investments, Investment Proxy Research (Fidelity) regarding the Company s proposed 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (the Plan), which is Proposal No. 3 in the Company s joint proxy statement/prospectus for its 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on July 27, 2005.

Specifically, this letter responds to your concern that Section 9 of the proposed Plan, entitled Other Stock-Based Awards , does not contain limitations on the vesting of other Stock Unit Awards that are similar to those included in Section 8(b) of the proposed Plan with respect to Restricted Stock. Please be advised that the Company s management will recommend to the Company s Board of Directors, at the Board s October 2005 meeting, that the Plan be amended to address your concerns by adding limitations on the vesting of Other Stock-Based Awards that are similar to those contained in Section 8(b) of the proposed Plan pertaining to Restricted Stock Awards.

Please contact me by telephone at 978-640-3420 or by email at carol_kazmer@avid.com should you have any further questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Carol E. Kazmer

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