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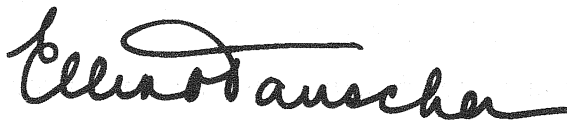
Dear Mr. Wu and Mr. Shoshani,

Please accept my personal congratulations on being awarded one of the 2008 *R&D Magazine* 100 Awards for the most outstanding technological developments with promising commercial potential. This is a well-deserved honor as the FastBit Bitmap Index will have numerous applications with its ability to rapidly accelerate the searching operations of large databases.

You, your team, and your colleagues at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory are keeping our community and our nation on the cutting edge of science and technology. I am proud to have such innovation taking place here in the East Bay.

Once again, congratulations and best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,



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