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To: Dr. Roger B. Marks, Chair, IEEE 802.16 Working Group

Subject: Re: Further update on preparations on IMT-Advanced

Date: 8 July 2009

Dear Dr. Marks,

I received with great appreciation your further update on the IEEE 802.16 Working Group (WG) activities regarding the IMT-Advanced RIT proposal development, together with the information that TTA expressed their interest to cooperate with IEEE on IMT-Advanced submission.

As noted in the previous liaison response, Japan's IMT-Advanced RIT proposal(s) will be developed by the RIT Study Group of the ARIB IMT-Advanced Subcommittee and be submitted to the Terrestrial Service Committee of the Telecommunications Council in the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), and the Committee will make a final decision on a submission of Japan's proposal(s) to the ITU-R Working Party 5D (WP 5D).

We greatly appreciate IEEE 802.16 WG efforts to prepare for IMT-Advanced submission and would also appreciate if you could consider the schedule of Japan's approval process for IMT-Advanced submission so that we have enough time to review it for approval. I would like to draw your attention to the formal approval steps towards our IMT-Advanced submission in October.

There are four approval steps in ARIB and two in MIC, and we expect it will take almost a month in total between receipt of the nearly-final IMT-Advanced RIT proposal submission documents from IEEE and the final approval of IMT-Advanced submission in MIC. ARIB therefore would like to receive the nearly-final complete set of documents required for IMT-Advanced submission by September 4, which is the date right after the closing date of the IEEE 802.16 WG Session #63. Considering the tight schedule in Japan,

ARIB respectfully encourages the IEEE 802.16 WG to do the best to have all preparations for IMT-Advanced submission done by its Session #63, and between its Session #63 and Session #63.5 to work on an editorial cleanup of its proposal or changes that will not have critical impact on IMT-Advanced technical requirements. We would like to discuss it in more detail at the IEEE/TTA/ARIB joint meeting to be held in Jeju, Korea on August 30.

We have another outstanding issue concerning Japan's IEEE 802.16m proposal for IMT-Advanced. We would like to make it clear between IEEE-SA and ARIB that we will not have any problem on copyrights of IEEE Standards that will be transposed in future with regard to IMT-Advanced Recommendations in ITU-R. Fortunately ARIB had an opportunity to discuss this issue with members of the IEEE-SA Standards Board (IEEE-SASB) on June 10. We had a good discussion to establish a formal and comprehensive relationship between the organizations that would allow Japan to submit the IEEE 802.16m proposal for IMT-Advanced without legal issues and also enable transpositions of the IEEE Standards to ARIB Standards. It would be much appreciated if you, as Chair of the IEEE 802.16 WG, could kindly follow up on this matter with IEEE-SA to assure the smooth transposition.

In addition, in order to orchestrate plural proposals from the interested SDOs effectively, development of the common template text for SDOs to show support and endorsement of the IEEE 802.16m proposal submission from IEEE is very much helpful. You can refer to what we submitted from 3GPP Organizational Partners (OPs) to the ITU-R WP 5D meeting in June.

We would appreciate your understanding of Japan's situation for IMT-Advanced submission and we would like to continue collaboration between the organizations for IMT-Advanced submission.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely yours,

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