As you may probably be aware of, T1P1 transferred to 3GPP its lead project group responsibility for the GSM LCS effective as the ETSI SMG #31 meeting. Due to this transfer, SA5, which bears the responsibility of all management aspects within 3GPP, has to assume the responsibility of managing the GSM LCS O&M project.

SA5 is aware that T1M1 has been developing the big portion of the GSM LCS management (GSM 12.71) under the agreement made between T1M1 and T1P1. SA5 also notes that T1M1 had made a remarkable achievement of delivering for information to ETSI SMG #31 meeting a working draft of the GSM 12.71. SA5 particularly recognises that that impressive accomplishment of T1M1 was in the midst of inadequate project co-ordination from T1P1 and insufficient participation of the PCS1900 technology expertise as was indicated in your January 2000 liaison statement (entitled as “Status of GSM LCS O&M Project to T1P1”) to T1P1. SA5 would like to take the opportunity of expressing our compliment and congratulations on your having met your commitment up to that milestone despite of such difficulties.

SA5 regrets to find that the project is currently in jeopardy in T1M1. SA5 shares with you your probable frustration about the fact that project had to be put in jeopardy. It is our belief that, although this stagnation of the project progress in T1M1 was due to external causes that may be totally out of your control, the consequence of the unavailability of the management specifications to the industry within the permitted time window after the core specifications become available is very serious, and that the situation must be absolutely urgently remedied by every possible means.

It is SA5’s honest assessment that the GSM LCS O&M work would not be completed by June 3GPP meeting if the project is not immediately put back to a highest gear right now. However, under the present circumstance, also considering your meeting schedule and the Committee T1 procedures, SA5 is afraid to conclude that there is no way of instantly re-accelerating the project in T1M1 back to the pre-January 2000 mode so that the work can reach to an approval stage by the June 2000 target date. Therefore, based on this assessment of the situation, we are politely advising you that SA5 has decided to relocate the GSM LCS O&M project from T1M1 to SA5 effective immediately.

Again, SA5 extends to T1M1 a sincere appreciation of the excellent contribution that it has made for the GSM family system by defining the foundation of the GSM LCS O&M.

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