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PCG Secretary

3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP)

Dear Adrian:

The purpose of this letter is to express our interest in an MRP position in 3GPP. The CDMA Development Group (CDG) and its members fully endorse the LTE technology developed by 3GPP and the future evolution path of CDMA2000[®] to LTE to meet the growing demand for advanced mobile wireless broadband services. During the past few months, CDG has conveyed this message to the media as well as the wireless community by participating in panel discussions and conference presentations. We are also in the process of redesigning our web site in support of our messaging.

Several CDMA2000 carriers have publicly indicated their desire to adopt and deploy LTE as their next 4G broadband wireless technology platform. CDMA2000 currently has over 475 million subscribers globally and well over 120 million of them are already enjoying the mobile broadband wireless capabilities of HRPD technology.

Our main purpose in joining 3GPP as an MRP is to assist both 3GPP and 3GPP2 in developing the appropriate specifications to make this future transition possible. CDG will add value and strengthen 3GPP by representing the evolution requirements and market needs of our 276 operators in 102 countries in the development processes of 3GPP. This will lead to even greater market acceptance of LTE. We know that there are several MRPs to 3GPP that can adequately address the market requirements of GSM to LTE evolution, but there is no representation of the CDMA community for CDMA2000 evolution to LTE and beyond. We are ready to fill that role within 3GPP.

We hope to add value to 3GPP, especially in the areas of inter-technology networking, global roaming across multiple technology platforms, multimode device development and certification, and seamless user service experiences across multiple wireless technology platforms.

We are looking forward to support from the Operating Partners for our desire to become an MRP to 3GPP and are willing to address any concerns and comments that OPs might have prior to the PCG meeting. I can assure you that CDG will work hand in hand with all 3GPP OPs and other MRPs to make LTE a great success including the future development of LTE-Advanced to meet the IMT-Advanced requirements. Please feel free to contact me or Sam Samra (ssamra@cdg.org) for any additional information or clarification. We understand that the next PCG/OP meeting is coming up in April and we would like to have this item for discussion on the agenda. Thank you in advance for your efforts and support.

Best regards,



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