Title: 3GPP Market Representation Partner

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Dear Mr Scrase

Background

Established in 2015, MFA (MulteFire Alliance) created the MulteFire specifications 1.0 and 1.1 which addressed the gap that existed in the 3GPP specifications for LTE-based technology standalone operation in the unlicensed bands. This work has been done under the good cooperation and agreement with ETSI and complements the 3GPP specifications on LAA and eLAA (Releases 13 and 14).

Moving towards 5G, MFA was pleased that 3GPP decided to include standalone operation in unlicensed bands in the Release 16 specifications. Therefore, MFA saw no need for additional specification work for 5G as MFA is fully aligned and supports the 3GPP NR and NR-U specifications.

MFA now seeks to facilitate the healthy growth of the 5G ecosystem with a focus on aspects of Industry Verticals that are not well served by other Alliances. It has begun work to create technical blueprints that will facilitate the implementation of 3GPP technology in vertical industries use cases and provide guidance to key players that will build the ecosystem.

In this respect, MFA promotes and evangelizes the 3GPP specifications for use cases in unlicensed and locally licensed spectrum, supporting the adoption of 3GPP specifications in vertical industries.

MFA has been very active in conferences and media and would like to request to become a Market Representation Partner to 3GPP to further contribute to the 3GPP specification promotion and development of the ecosystem.

With kind regards,

Stephan Litjens
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