INFOCOMMUNICATION
UNION

INFOCOMMUNICATION SERVICES
MARKET PARTICIPANTS UNION СОЮЗ

ИНФОКОММУНИКАЦИОННЫЙ СОЮЗ

September, 2007

Mr. Adrian Scrase
Head of MCC
3GPP MCC
650, route des Lucioles
06921 Sophia-Antipolis Cedex
France

Subject: 3GPP MRP Status obtaining

Dear Mr. Scrase!

The Infocommunication Services Market Participants Union (Infocommunication Union) is pleased to inform you of its interest in impressive activities of the Third Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) and would be delighted to set long-term cooperation between our bodies.

The mission of Infocommunication Union (ICU) is promotion of implementation of perspective technologies, creation of conditions for the further development of the infocommunication market and transition to the Global information society for the fullest satisfaction of population needs in new services.
The Union objectives are coordination of the Union participants activity and representation of their common interests in the field of infocommunication services market development.

The Infocommunication Union (former 3G Association) carried out the series of research works that resulted in development of proposals for 3G licensing principles, proposals for necessary spectrum release and allocation, as well as for 3G networks construction and organization of inter-networking.
During experimental research works conducted by operators, six fragments of the UMTS trial zone were deployed. These tests confirmed the possibility of qualitative and reliable provision of the basic 3G services.
The Infocommunication Union's researches results formed the basis for making the state decisions to conduct 3G tender in Russia. At the present time operators have started UMTS networks deployment on the whole territory of the Russian Federation.

Representatives of 49 companies are participating in the activities of the Union as its members. They are cellular & long-distance, fixed & transit networks operators, their associations; world famous vendors, leading Russian R&D telecom centers; IT centers and software producers; content and service providers, consulting and investment companies.

2-nd Spasonalivkovski per., 6,
Moscow 119991, Russia

Tel.: +7 (495) 748 3174
E-mail: a3g@a3g.ru
www.icu.org.ru

Россия, 119991 Москва,
2-й Спасоналивковский пер., 6

There are 13 Working groups in the Union formed for R&D work coordination. The Working groups consist of more than 500 high-level experts of the companies and organizations – members of the Union.

The activities include following directions: concept of mobile communication development in Russia; cellular and BWA networks convergence; radiofrequency spectrum releasing for perspective technologies implementation; content providers and operators interaction; mobile TV; mobile payments; MVNO; information security.

The Infocommunication Union comprises such international partners as ITU-T, ECC, ETSI, GSA, GSMA, OMA, UMTS Forum, CDG, World DMB Forum, IA450, Wireless Ukraine.

Being in the position of a strong union of the infocommunication services market participants today, the Infocommunication Union is able to understand the current market requirements and to offer market advice to 3GPP (within the 3GPP scope). We'd be honored if the Infocommunication Union would obtain 3GPP Market Representative Partner status and will contribute to the activities on programs of mutual interests. We acknowledge that the Union does not have the capability and authority to define, publish and set standards within the 3GPP scope, nationally or regionally. The Infocommunication Union is committed to the 3GPP scope (GSM and its evolution to 3G and beyond) and we are ready to sign the Partnership Project Agreement.

The ICU profile and presentation are attached.

We look forward to successful and effective cooperating between 3GPP and ICU.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Krupnov
President
Infocommunication Union

Andrey Skorodumov
CEO
Infocommunication Union