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To: Adrian Scrase, 3GPP PCG Secretary (Adrian.Scrase@etsi.org)

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Re: Potential 3GPP MRP Status for Femto Forum

Dear Adrian

Further our discussion, I am writing on behalf of the Executive Board of Femto Forum to request that 3GPP PCG considers whether it would welcome an application from Femto Forum to become a Market Representation Partner of 3GPP.

Femto Forum is a not-for-profit membership organisation founded in 2007 to promote femtocell deployment worldwide. We are independent, technology agnostic and inclusive of all relevant stakeholders, including particularly licensed mobile operators and providers of all aspects of femtocell technology including hardware, software and silicon. We currently have some fifty members – and growing – including many members of 3GPP and representing all elements of the emerging femto ecosystem and a wide international spread of markets. Please see the attached presentation for more information on our work and membership.

Femto Forum believes that femtocells provide an attractive means of delivering high quality converged services in the domestic and small office environment for any mature air interface technology, operating in licensed frequency bands and supporting mobility. Specifically, numerous of our members have a keen interest in femtocells complying with 3GPP standards and in ensuring that these standards are appropriate and available in a timely fashion. Femtocells allow the accelerated deployment of advanced technologies, overcoming indoor coverage issues and providing low-cost dedicated capacity and high-quality services to users in home environments while using spectrum exceedingly efficiently.

The Forum is chartered to encourage the growth of a partner ecosystem committed to innovation in standards-based network infrastructure and to achieve high levels of collaboration and product interoperability. We are not a standards-setting body, but work to facilitate the rapid development of standards suitable for fully achieving the operator and user benefits associated with femtocells.

We have working groups currently extending across four areas, any of which could provide scope for collaboration with 3GPP:

- WG1: Market & Promotion (chaired by Rupert Baines - Picochip)
- WG2: Radio and Physical Layer (chaired by Pete Keevill - Ubiquisys and Nick Johnson – ip.access)
- WG3: Network and Interoperation (chaired by Chris Fenton – Telefonica-O2)
- WG4: Regulatory (chaired by myself on behalf of Femto Forum)

For the avoidance of doubt, this approach is by Femto Forum on behalf of its membership and should not be taken to indicate any change in stance with respect to 3GPP by any particular individual member. Femto Forum does not expect to make technical inputs of its own accord, but to provide an environment for members to accelerate reaching consensus where appropriate in areas of identified need under the auspices of their existing 3GPP membership. I look forward to hearing from you. Given a positive response, we would expect to make an application for MRP status early in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

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