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Introduction

The liaison N4-040262 raises some questions about the use of Liberty Alliance specifications as part of the 3GPP solution for the GUP work item.

Access to Liberty Alliance Work

Nortel Networks believes that in principle the Liberty Alliance specifications could be a good basis for implementing the GUP work in 3GPP. However Liberty Alliance currently provides very limited access to its documentation for non-member companies. In other cases where 3GPP uses work from external fora (eg Parlay, OMA) the external fora have adopted a more open policy to assist cooperation for all 3GPP members.

OMA makes almost all of its working documents available to all companies under their "openness" policy. Parlay allows participation of non-Parlay members in joint meetings dealing with topics relevant to 3GPP.

In order to allow good cooperation with Liberty Alliance and to increase understanding and confidence in their work Nortel Networks believes that similar arrangements should be obtained prior to the adoption of Liberty Alliance specifications as a basis for GUP.

Copyright and IPR

The liaison from CN4 also raises questions about the copyright and IPR implications of using the Liberty Alliance specifications in 3GPP. Nortel Networks believes that the copyright issues could be solved via a simple agreement between Liberty Alliance and the 3GPP partners to allow reuse of Liberty Alliance specifications in the manner proposed by CN4.

On the issue of IPR Nortel Networks believes that it is important that all IPR required for implementation of the 3GPP standard (whether by inclusion or reference to specifications) is available on Reasonable and Nondiscriminatory terms to all 3GPP members. 3GPP should seek a commitment from Liberty Alliance that this is possible.

Proposal

CN officials, SA officials and the PCG are asked to open discussions with Liberty Alliance on the use of their specifications for 3GPP. They are mandated to achieve the following goals:

- ?? Access to Liberty Alliance working documents and meeting information for all 3GPP members
- ?? Opportunity for 3GPP members to participate in appropriate Liberty Alliance discussions that are relevant to 3GPP.
- ?? Legal agreement to allow reproduction of extracts from Liberty Alliance specifications in 3GPP
- ?? Agreement from Liberty Alliance that all IPR in their specifications relevant to 3GPP will be licensed on Reasonable and Non Discriminatory terms to all 3GPP members.