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Title: **Proposed Liaison Statement on document numbers and version conventions**

To: **TSG RAN**

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TSG RAN WG4 has discussed the proposal to raise the version number of all documents to 2.0.0 at its third meeting, to allow these to be raised to version 3.0.0 after approval at the TSG RAN #3. It is understood that the aim is to start using full change control procedures on all documents.

TSG RAN WG4 informs TSG RAN that in ETSI version 3.0.0 indicated that the SMG sub-technical committee considered the document to be close to finalised and almost stable. Several of the RAN WG4 documents cannot yet be considered to have reached this stage of completeness and stability.

On the assumption that version number 3.0.0. is not interpreted (as in ETSI) to indicate that the documents are close to stable, but only to apply change control procedures, TSG RAN WG4 accepts that almost all specification documents are presented as version 2.0.0 to TSG RAN for approval as version 3.0.0. TSG RAN WG4 requests an exception for the FDD and TDD base station conformance and testing, as the draft for the FDD has only been seen once in WG4, and the TDD draft not at all. It is pointed out that work on conformance test specifications normally follows the core specifications with some delay.

One suggestion made is to raise the document version number to 4.0.0 once these are considered sufficiently stable. This would however require maintaining two versions of the specification once a version 4 is created, assuming that some companies may already use version 3 for contracts. No decision was taken on this proposal.

TSG RAN WG4 has also reviewed the new document numbers as suggested by the 3GPP support team. Unfortunately no background document giving the full picture was available, and comments are related to information on the RAN WG4 part. Questions raised are how new RF equipment, e.g. repeaters, would be included in this document series, and whether all BTS conformance tests should be covered in a single document. (Note: SMG covers the GSM BTS conformance testing in several documents). The chairman offered to raise these issues with the 3GPP support team.

TSG RAN WG4 understands the BTS conformance test document only covers non signalling tests at the antenna connector, and suggests TSG RAN to review whether a new document for the signalling conformance should be started, and whether conformance test specifications for the other interfaces specified by RAN, e.g. Iub and Iur, should be developed. If so, it should also be reviewed whether TSG RAN WG4 is the most appropriate RAN working group for this work.