

**Title: Release 2000 - Work Planning and Management**

**Source: BT**

## **Introduction**

The delivery of Release 2000 specifications by December represents a significant challenge to the 3GPP as a result of the very limited time available (9 months), the broad technical scope, new technical work areas as well as the complicated structure of the organisation.

It is essential, therefore, that the project is managed and focused so that all 3GPP work areas are progressed in a coherent and timely manner.

## **General**

Currently S2 is responsible for co-ordinating specific technical work areas and for the development of the overall 3GPP Release 2000 work plan. The prime responsibility of S2, however, is to develop the overall system architecture.

To date the work of S2 has focused upon its prime goals of completing the Release 99 specifications as well as progressing the development of the overall systems architecture for Release 2000. The development and communication of an overall work plan for Release 2000 has, as a result, taken a lower priority. As a result there is still a need to develop and agree a coherent cross TSG work plan that will ensure:

- Clear goals and plans for each TSG;
- The establishment of new Release 2000 Work Items
- A coherent delivery schedule for the production of specifications;
- The identification of dependencies between the TSGs;
- The timely delivery of Release 2000.

## **Concerns**

A number of concerns exist regarding the current arrangements with TSG SA and 3GPP regarding the establishment of the Release 2000 Work plan and its overall management. Specifically:

**SA2 is primarily focused upon the development of the overall architecture.** This is currently a priority task for Release 2000 and should not be delayed as a result of the group progressing other tasks;

**S2 is a sub-group of SA. Its work, therefore, has restricted visibility in other TSGs.** It also has limited authority compared to its parent group;

**An agreed 3GPP Workplan is required immediately** in order not to jeopardise the development of Release 2000.

## **Proposal**

In order to establish a cross TSG 3GPP Workplan it is proposed that TSG SA forms a new Release 2000 Work Management Group with an initial task to develop a 3GPP Release 2000 Work Plan and seek cross TSG endorsement. It is proposed that this initial task is completed as soon as possible (by the end of April), followed by an ongoing task to monitor and co-ordinate the development of Release 2000 across all TSGs.

It is Further proposed that the Work Management Group provides a status report to each TSG SA meeting and which is taken at the beginning of the agenda.

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