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Subject: Creation of Open Mobile Alliance

Introduction

The mobile industry has recently created the Open Mobile Alliance as a focus for mobile applications and services which are agnostic to the transport technology.

New service enablers based on open global standards, such as MMS, Java and XHTML, will enable new compelling services for mobile users and new sources of growth for the mobile industry. To ensure successful take-up of mobile services, it is very important to minimize the fragmentation of service platforms and to ensure seamless interoperability.

The mission of the Open Mobile Alliance initiative is to grow the market for the entire mobile industry by removing the barriers to global user adoption, ensuring seamless application interoperability while allowing businesses to compete through innovation and differentiation.

Discussion

With the creation of the Open Mobile Alliance, the above supporting companies believe that it is essential to avoid overlap between the work of OMA and other standards bodies like 3GPP and 3GPP2. We believe that 3GPP and 3GPP2 have been very effective in providing stable terminal, radio and core network platforms for deployment of mobile systems and we support the future development of these systems platforms inside 3GPP and 3GPP2.

When it comes to the development of applications, and application enablers, we believe that much of the work should now be focused inside OMA, especially for new items which are radio and core network independent. The principles should be all the following taken together:

- *Any new work on application/application enabler development which could be radio and core network independent should be analysed inside OMA.*
- *OMA should establish a close working relationship with 3GPP and 3GPP2.*
- *Any radio and core network specific enablers required for specific OMA applications should be developed by 3GPP and 3GPP2.*
- *Any work on radio and core network development (including terminal aspects of these) should be undertaken in 3GPP and 3GPP2*

The above companies believe that these principles could be endorsed by OMA, 3GPP and 3GPP2 in the near term, which would provide a basis for joint development (OMA and 3GPP, and OMA and 3GPP2) of a list of work items and related activities which are active in each group, to ensure that there is minimal overlap of active work (preferably none). Our companies would then work to deliver an appropriate balance of work between the standards bodies, recognising that for existing work this may take some time to achieve.

Conclusion

The above companies ask OMA, 3GPP and 3GPP2 to endorse the above approach.