

Title: [Draft] Liaison Statement on Time to Market and Testing

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Work Item:

Source: 3GPP TSG SA

To: 3GPP TSG RAN WG5

Cc: TSG CT WG1

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1. Overall Description:

At TSG SA #28 the issue of testing and the need for quick availability of testing to ensure time to market was discussed. Liaison statements from TSG CT and TSG CT WG1 raising the issue of potentially using IOT testing was received. TSG SA did not make any firm conclusion on the point of IOT testing, but noted that if IOT testing was to be considered; 3GPPs role would be at maximum the provision of the IOT test specification and not to perform the actual IOT testing.

From the discussion it was clear that there is concern amongst the 3GPP members that the current test-methods might have too long a lead time compared to the urgency to introduce the new functionalities in the market.

On this background TSG SA decided to seek TSG RAN WG5's advice on how the lead time to market could be reduced. More specifically TSG RAN WG5 is invited to identify alternatives to the currently used formal testing methods, e.g., TTCN. In addition TSG RAN WG5 is invited to indicate if the alternative methods are to be seen as alternative to the existing methodologies or if they are to be seen as a temporary measure allowing the introduction of features and services into the market before the formal testing becomes available.

2. Actions:

To TSG RAN WG5 group.

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3. Date of Next TSG-SA Meetings:

SA#29 26 – 29 September 2005 Tallinn, Estonia