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Subject: Relationship Between 3GPP and the MulteFire Alliance

In late 2015, the MulteFire Alliance was founded as an open independent global organization dedicated to developing and promoting technology based upon 3GPP specifications for operation in unlicensed and shared spectrum. The MulteFire Alliance Technical Specification Group (TSG) is extending the 3GPP Release 13 and Release 14 specifications to provide a standalone capability based upon LAA and eLAA. In addition to supporting the 3GPP EPC, the MulteFire Alliance is developing a neutral host capability.

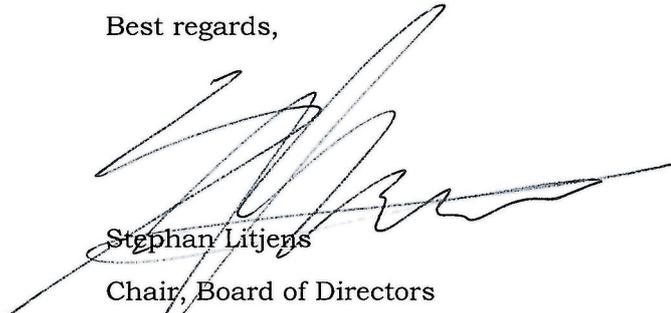
The MulteFire Alliance is committed to developing a technology that will fully meet global and country-specific unlicensed band regulations, and that will harmoniously exist with other technologies using unlicensed spectrum bands. Listen-Before-Talk is being included in the MulteFire Alliance specifications.

Additional information about the MulteFire Alliance can be found on its website: <http://www.multefire.org/>.

The MulteFire Alliance would value a cooperative relationship with 3GPP, so that information can be exchanged between the organizations. Technical information can be directly exchanged with the MulteFire Alliance Technical Specification Group (TSG).

The MulteFire Alliance expects to complete the first release of its specifications this fall. The MulteFire Alliance plans to provide 3GPP with additional information as the work of the Alliance progresses.

Best regards,



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