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Nomination of Mr. Hiromasa Umeda for TSG RAN WG4 Vice Chairman

Dear Ms. Kooistra and Mr. Oh

It is my honour to present the nomination of Mr. Hiromasa Umeda of NTT DOCOMO/ARIB for the position of Vice Chairman of 3GPP TSG RAN WG4 (RAN4) at the working group elections in August 2017.

First of all, on behalf of NTT DOCOMO, I would like to express our full support for his nomination and all his future activities as a RAN4 Vice Chairman. We can state with great confidence that he is dedicated and has the skills necessary to make an effective and successful RAN4 Vice Chairman.

Mr. Umeda received the B.E. degree from Tohoku University, Miyagi, Japan, in 2000 and M.E. degree from Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan, in 2003. Directly thereafter he joined NTT DOCOMO and had been involved in network operation activities for five years. Since 2008, he has been involved in research and development (R&D) activities related to RF aspects for LTE and LTE-Advanced and an active contributor to 3GPP. He has worked on various issues such as introduction of new operating bands for LTE and various types of carrier aggregations for LTE-Advanced in RAN4. He also chaired sessions for Rel-13 NB-IoT as well as NR SI from August 2015 to March 2017 as a Vice Chairman in RAN4, ensuring that they were completed in a timely manner in spite of the tight schedule. Moreover, he has attended RAN plenary meetings since 2011 where he has coordinated discussions on handling of not only spectrum but also non-spectrum related Work Items/Study Items. Through these experiences in 3GPP and his R&D activities in NTT DOCOMO, he has gained deep technical knowledge and understanding of RF aspects for mobile communications as well as the 3GPP working procedures. In addition, he will be trained to comply with all applicable antitrust/competition laws and regulations while acting in his capacity as WG Vice Chairman.

In summary, senior NTT DOCOMO management believes Mr. Umeda has sufficient technical background and leadership skills to undertake the demanding appointment. As such, I am proud to nominate Mr. Umeda as a candidate for Vice Chairman of RAN4. Please accept his nomination accordingly.

Yours Sincerely,



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