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## Nomination of candidate for the 3GPP TSG RAN WG 3 Vice Chair

Dear Susanna and John,

On behalf of Vodafone D2 GmbH I am pleased to nominate Alexej Kulakov for the position of Vice Chair of 3GPP TSG RAN WG3. Vodafone D2 GmbH confirms that we will offer him all the support in terms of time and resources he needs to fulfil his duties in an optimal manner.

Alexej has an engineering background and graduated from University of Moscow, Russia in 2001. Since then, he is with Vodafone D2, and currently he is in the role of an RAN expert. Alexej started his career in D2 being responsible for quality assurance and system acceptance tests in the area of RAN. Alexej entered (GE)RAN network standardisation activities in 2004 as Vodafone D2 delegate of GERAN WG 2 and since 2006 as delegate of RAN WG3. In his role he also contributes to align and focus radio network standardisation activities of the Vodafone Group.

With his practical experience being responsible for good quality deployment of radio network entities and its interfaces Alexej has an excellent view of what needs to be improved in the course of future standardisation programme of 3GPP.

Yours Faithfully,

Armin Toepfer

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