

**LIAISON STATEMENT**

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**Description**

1. TCCA CCBG wishes to provide the following further background information to 3GPP in support of the requests for additions to the 3GPP standards in relation to Group Communications & Proximity-based Services submitted via ETSI TC TETRA LS ref. TETRA (12)000036r1:
  - a. On 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 the TETRA & Critical Communications Association (TCCA) & the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) announced that they had signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to underscore their joint commitment to the need to develop mission critical public safety communications standards for Long Term Evolution (LTE)-based technology. The announcement is available for review at: [www.tandcca.com/about/article/17582](http://www.tandcca.com/about/article/17582).
  - b. In accordance with the MoA between TCCA & NPSTC in (a) above, TCCA CCBG hereby confirms *full alignment, agreement & commonality of purpose* with NPSTC regarding the requests for additions to the 3GPP standards in relation to Group Communications & Proximity-based Services.
  - c. The TCCA Board recently released the following statement regarding adoption of LTE as the technology for delivery of future critical communications broadband services:
 

*“The TETRA and Critical Communications Association (TCCA) has an objective of driving the development of Mobile Broadband solutions for the users of Mission Critical and Business Critical mobile communications. Having reviewed existing technologies the TCCA believes that LTE holds the greatest prospect for delivering such solutions. As a result the TCCA intends to work with 3GPP to include the functionality necessary within the LTE standard to meet that objective.*”

*The TCCA also intends to work in cooperation with ETSI to create common interoperable solutions that are required by the Critical Communications user community.*

*The TCCA believes strongly in the principles of common standards and harmonised solutions and on a global basis. We therefore encourage all of those involved in the standardisation and regulation arenas to support a single harmonised standard and to designate sufficient harmonised frequency allocations below 1 GHz for use in Public Protection & Disaster Relief (PPDR) and critical infrastructure industries such as the Utilities, Railways and others.”*

## **2. Actions**

- a. TCCA CCBG requests that 3GPP note & take into consideration these items of further background information in relation to its work on inclusion of Group Communications & Proximity-based Services in the 3GPP standards.