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Reconsideration of CAMEL4 release date  
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**Introduction:**

TSG CN WG2 is working hard to approach the completion of CAMEL4 (Rel-5) for the target date March 2002 TSG and a great amount of work has been done so far. However, the following situation still remains as the hindrance against the completion in a short time;

- ?? Still a lot of corrections to CAMEL3 (R99 and Rel-4),
- ?? Still a lot of open issues to be resolved for some features in CAMEL4,
- ?? Still a lot of input needed to resolve the open issues,
- ?? Still some vagueness in adding/removing service requirement (stage 1 in SA1) in CAMEL4.

This situation endangers the stability of the current draft specifications and the collective CRs which CN2 has developed so far. To resolve above issues, Siemens sees the need of more time and the efficient work by CN2 until the CAMEL4 items being "satisfactorily stable".

On the other hand, the deadline of most (not all, if appropriate) Release 5 specification is set to March 2002. Once the formal release is done by 3GPP, the specifications are set under the change control. This does not provide the CN2 participants with their benefits.

As CN2 has worked "step by step" and/or "forth and back" on the CAMEL4 items to be incorporated into the CN2-internally-owned draft specifications. This style has enabled CN2 to produce the base documents for the following meetings and the participants have worked efficiently based on the timely-updated documents. It is easily foreseen that CN2 would face the inconvenience if their input to this meeting to produce Release 5 specifications was approved simply because of the originally-set deadline.

**Action for decision:**

To allow CN2 to work with full efficiency and convenience, the following proposals by Siemens;

1. The release date be postponed until TSG CN#16 plenary (June 2002).
2. Do not allow any new features to be added for CAMEL4.