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Subject: Candidacy of Dr. Abdulhadi AbouAlmal as Vice-Chairman of 3GPP TSG RAN

Dear Ms. Kooistra and Mr. Krause,

I am pleased to nominate Dr. Abdulhadi AbouAlmal as a candidate for the Vice-chairman position of 3GPP TSG RAN. Dr. AbouAlmal is the head of Technology Standardization and Spectrum Management in Etisalat, which is a member of ETSI. He is leading the technical development for Internet of Things / Smart City and 5G infrastructures in UAE and setting mobile spectrum strategies for the region.

He has wide technical and leadership expertise in developing wireless technologies (including LTE advanced Pro, 5G NR...etc). He has been contributing in 3GPP RAN, RAN 4 and RAN 1, and representing Etisalat, UAE Administration, Arab Spectrum Management Group, Arab Permanent Group for Standardization and Mobile industry, in the international development work of several technology and spectrum aspects for around 10 years and he has been making remarkable contributions at regional and international levels including ITU-R, ITU-T, 3GPP RAN, GSMA, SAMENA and UCMIG organizations.

He has been chairing many ITU-R and ITU-T working groups related to International Mobile Telecommunication (IMT) including ITU-R group on IMT arrangements of 700MHz band for ITU Region 1 and ITU-T SG20/Q4 on IoT and Smart City and we are sure that his vice-chairman role will definitely add value for the 3GPP RAN work.

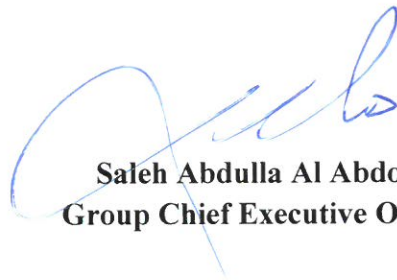
Dr. Abdulhadi obtained his PhD degree in wireless and mobile communication from University of Bradford, UK, and his MSc degree in Engineering Systems Management, and BSc in Communication Engineering. He is the author and co-author of many journal and conference papers.

Etisalat is committed to the prolonged success of 3GPP standardization activities of mobile eco-systems and will offer the support and resources necessary for Dr. AbouAlmal to pursue the TSG RAN activities successfully.

Dr. Abdulhadi AbouAlmal is informed about and aware of the antitrust/competition laws and regulations of relevant jurisdictions, and he shall comply with such laws while acting in his capacity as TSG Vice Chairman.

The signatory below has the approval and authority to make this commitment on behalf of Etisalat.

Sincerely yours,



Saleh Abdulla Al Abdooli
Group Chief Executive Officer