

Source: Application from 3G Americas for MRP Status in 3GPP

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1 Introduction

The attached correspondence has been received from 3G Americas in which they request to be granted MRP status in 3GPP



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Subject: 3G Americas Application to become 3GPP Market Representation Partner

Dear Asok, Adrian and Bernd:

I am writing to formally request Market Representation Partner status for a new wireless organization named 3G Americas. 3G Americas represents both operators and vendors representing five technologies – TDMA, GSM, GPRS, EDGE and UMTS. The organization is focused on the global wireless issues that affect North, Central and South America. Although the organization is new, the Board of Governors of 3G Americas represents some of the most distinguished names in the industry and includes AT&T Wireless (USA), Cingular Wireless (USA), Compaq, Ericsson, Lucent Technologies, Motorola, Nokia, Nortel Networks, Openwave Systems, Rogers AT&T Wireless (Canada), Siemens and Telecom Personal (Argentina). Additionally, we have many other carriers from Latin American and North America considering membership.

This year's announcements of the GSM/GPRS/EDGE/UMTS technology migration made by major operators throughout North, Central, and South America, made evident the need for a single organization that could address the converged operator networks for the Western Hemisphere. The mission of the 3G Americas will be to promote, educate, and advocate for the success of the five wireless technologies, and their seamless evolution to future generations, thereby advancing the wireless industry in the Americas for the benefit of consumers.

We would like to become an MRP of 3GPP to provide input to the various issues and opportunities facing our industry. Whereas the organization is focused on the Americas, it is the global issues being worked on at 3GPP that affect operators and vendors in all continents including North and South America. The organization looks forward to working with wireless organization such as 3GPP to provide positive results for the benefit of the industry. 3G Americas fully supports the Third Generation technology migration strategy GSM/GPRS/EDGE and UMTS supported by the tremendous technical work at 3GPP.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding the next steps to gain MRP status. And, I look forward to a future relationship with you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Pearson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Pearson
Executive Vice President
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