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## Liaison statement to 3GPP TSG-RAN WG3 on the Importance of O&M and impact on UTRAN functionality

The joint SMG6/TMN5 ad-hoc meeting on lub O&M has been created on request of SMG2 to assist them in achieving their goal of a standardized lub interface allowing free mix of vendors for RNC and Node B.

With formation of 3GPP this work item has been assigned to TSG-RAN WG3.

Progress on the work item todate has identified several requirements, the first one being to assess functional impact of the O&M processes on the UTRAN. To satisfy this requirement we need the functional expertise of the established members of the 3GPP TSG-RAN WG3.

We would therefore stress the importance of the O&M process within the UTRAN and the impact on UTRAN functionality. As such we would request members to consider now the importance of their contributions to this work item and be prepared to allocate resources accordingly.

We would also remind members that success of the lub interface standardization effort as a whole depends on the success of the standardization of the O&M part.