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Research In Motion is pleased to support Ian Harris's re-election to the role of 3GPP T2 Chairman for a second term of office.

A brief resume of Ian is as follows :-

Ian Harris is a Chartered Engineer and a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Ian was with Vodafone Ltd for 18 years since the company was first formed and was their design authority (Chief Designer) for a number of Vodafone's Value Added Services -- in particular SMS. He has represented Vodafone's interests in GSM and 3GPP standardisation since GSM began in 1988.

Ian has always placed a high value on a close working relationship between engineering and marketing and in so doing has developed an acute commercial awareness and the need for pragmatism.

Ian is one of a small number of 'original designers' of SMS and has brought his long-standing technical and commercial experience to the creation of the 3GPP MMS standard specifications.


Ian left Vodafone in January 2002 to take up an appointment with Teleca Ltd as their Messaging Consultant to head up their growth in Messaging for the Mobile Telecommunications environment. In so doing he has raised Teleca's profile and been the catalyst in securing a number of business opportunities for Teleca.

Over the past year he has given a number of international presentations on 'Messaging' from both the technical and commercial perspective that have been well received as being a realistic approach to 3GPP messaging. He has written contributions to a number of publications on many aspects of mobile telecommunications. He is well respected in the Telecommunications industry having made significant contributions towards its success -- particularly for SMS -- the second greatest revenue source for many mobile network operators.

Ian chaired the 3GPP standards group responsible for messaging (T2 SWG3) for a period of time until he was elected to the Chairman of T2 in May 2001.

Ian would like to see the work of 3GPP T2 reach a successful commercial conclusion for Release 6 and recognises that 3GPP is undergoing a period of change that needs addressing in the best interest of the industry.

Research In Motion has recently appointed Ian to their company where his expertise, his long standing track record of achievement and familiarity with the industry will be used to further the interest of the mobile telecommunications industry as a whole during these challenging and exciting times.



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