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NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF 3GPP TSG CT WG1 Vice Chairman

Dear Susanna (susanna.kooistra@etsi.org) and Frederic (frederic.firmin@etsi.org),

I am pleased to inform you that Samsung Electronics through its Samsung R&D Institute UK (ETSI) affiliation is nominating Mr. Ricky Kaura as a candidate for the position of 3GPP TSG CT WG1 vice chairman for the elections to be held during the CT1#105 meeting in August 2017, in Krakow, Poland.

Ricky has over 26 years of working experience in the telecommunications sector. He graduated with a 1st class honours degree in Computer Studies at Loughborough University of Technology (LUT) and completed a Masters in telecommunications from University College London (UCL), obtaining a distinction.

Ricky started his working career during the inception of GSM in 1991, working on core network protocols design and implementation. Since 2006, Ricky has worked in standardisation in 3GPP. Ricky worked from 2006-2009 in the SA2 IMS sub-working group. From 2009 until the present day, Ricky has been active in CT1 in both IMS and NAS. Ricky also worked in GSMA and was a key contributor to the IMS profile for voice over LTE. Attached is a brief resume of Ricky.

If elected, Ricky will strive to ensure that the development of the 3GPP specifications continues in an efficient, fair and productive manner, ensuring that the content produced is of top quality. Samsung Electronics will provide all the necessary support for Ricky, to allow him to undertake the role and responsibilities.

Ricky is informed about and will be trained to comply with the applicable antitrust/completion laws and regulations of relevant jurisdictions and he will, if elected, comply with such laws while acting in his capacity as vice chairman of 3GPP TSG CT WG1.

SIGNATURE:

POSITION IN Samsung R&D Institute UK: Head of Standards and Industrial Affairs (SRUK)

Brief CV of Ricky Kaura

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Nationality: British

PROFILE AND KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Worked in the telecommunications sector for 26 years working in the areas of software development, feature planning, solution architecture and standards development.

- Worked in 3GPP standards for 11 out of the 26 years. Worked in the SA2 IMS sub-working group between 2006-2009 for Nortel, and in CT1 and TSG CT from 2009 until the present day for Samsung. Head of delegation for CT and CT1 in Samsung. Worked in GSMA NG RILTE and GSMA NG PACKET for 3 years.

- Implementation expertise of telecommunication protocol stacks having worked in the HLR/HSS development team on TCAP/MAP (CCS7 protocol stack) and Diameter. Designed and implemented GSM MAP basic services and supplementary services, CAMEL services, GPRS services and Diameter services.

- Excellent appreciation of GSM, UMTS, LTE and IMS architecture and IMS/NAS protocol standards.

- Contributed to a number of key areas in standards, notably: dual radio VCC, single radio VCC, voice domain selection, IMS service continuity, IMS centralised services, IMS emergency, NAS congestion control, mission critical push to talk and mission critical data communications.

- Won the 3GPP excellence award in 2015 for his work to drive and complete the mission critical push to talk work item against tough time schedules.

- Key contributor in the initial creation of the GSMA IR.92 voice over LTE IMS profile in GSMA NG RILTE.

- Rapporteur of IMS Service Continuity (TS 24.237), MCPTT Call Control (TS 24.379) and MCData Signalling Control (TS 24.282) specifications.

CAREER HISTORY

April 2014 – present day	*Chief Engineer* *Mobile Systems and Strategic Standardisation* *Samsung Electronics R&D Institute (SRUK), Staines, UK.*
June 2009 – March 2014	*Principal Standards Engineer* *Systems and Protocols* *Samsung Electronics Research Institute (SERI), Staines, UK.*
June 2006 – June 2009	*IMS Standards Architect* *Carrier Architecture Standards Team* *Nortel, Maidenhead UK.*
June 1991 – May 2006	*HLR/HSS Software Designer, Team Leader, Services Architect* *Nortel, Maidenhead UK.*
Sept 1989 – June 1990	*CICS Systems Tester (Industrial Placement)* *IBM Laboratories, Hursley.*

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Sept 97 - Sept 01	*University College London, UK.* MSc. Telecommunications **(Distinction)** (Part Time sponsored by Nortel)
Sept 87 - June 91	*Loughborough University of Technology (LUT) UK.* BSc Hons. In Computer Studies **(1st Class)** with Diploma of Industrial Studies
Sept 85 - July 87	*Sherwood Hall Upper School, Mansfield, Notts. UK* 4 A Levels and 10 O Levels (all between grades A to C)