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Subject: Nomination and support for 3GPP TSG GERAN Vice Chairman candidate

Dear Susanna/Paolo,

On behalf of Vodafone Group Plc, an ETSI member, I am pleased to announce that Dr Leo Patanapongpibul will stand as a candidate for the position of TSG GERAN Vice Chairman in the forthcoming TSG election.

Dr Leo Patanapongpibul began his career in telecommunications since 1998 as a software engineer first developing a call management switching centre software and, later at AT&T, built the world's first self healing fibre optic last mile network prototype. During his PhD, his research involved building a device extension for use on a "Network Surface" hardware prototype, a mobile thin-client computing device prototype and the world's first public heterogeneous network testbed. After his PhD, he worked on the mobile 2G/3G protocol stack development, specifically NAS, 3G-324M and, eventually, mobile platform integration at Samsung Electronics. Subsequently, he moved into standardisation and attended GERAN meetings since early 2007. During his time attending GERAN as the Vodafone lead delegate, he has contributed to all aspects of GERAN, enriched the TSG with active participation of an incumbent GSM operator and chaired several adhoc sessions.

Dr Leo Patanapongpibul holds a BEng in radio and communication engineering (first class honours; top 1%) from King's College London, University of London, and a PhD in Engineering from the University of Cambridge.

If elected, Leo will provide full support for the Chair and will strive to ensure that the development of the relevant 3GPP specifications is undertaken in a fair, accurate, and diligent manner.

Vodafone will provide Leo with all the support he needs in order to perform the role effectively, should he be elected, as part of the Company's continued commitment to 3GPP.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E A J Boggis".

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for and on behalf of
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