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Re: Announcing a Joint Experts Meeting for Equipment Identifier

Wireless Telecommunication Experts,

I would like to extend an invitation to experts from your organization to participate in a Joint Experts Meeting (JEM) to begin addressing broad technical and administrative issues associated with mobile terminal equipment identifiers. The JEM is scheduled to take place on Thursday and Friday, January 17 & 18, 2002. The JEM will be located in Vancouver, Canada, with easy access from many parts of the world. The hotel details are provided in the attached agenda.

As we witness an expansion in wireless telecommunications systems and devices, and continued globalization of the industry, with the potential for universal access offered by the third generation wireless systems, we have come to the conclusion that marching toward a global equipment will over the long term become an important tool in a number of existing processes used by wireless operators, as well as others unforeseen ones.

While the original incentive for convening the meeting is due to internal 3GPP2 requirements, and triggered by the current ITU initiative on global circulation of mobile terminals, the potential impact may be beyond just these two organizations, hence the wide distribution of this invitation letter. The JEM will start to address several mobile equipment identifier topics. The tentative agenda for the meeting is attached to this letter. Follow-on meetings may be decided upon, if necessary.

An e-mail exploder has been set up for the purpose of facilitating information exchange on this topic and coordinating JEM planning. The address of the exploder is meid@3gpp2.org. To sign-up on the email exploder, please send a request to Victoria Bosserman in the 3GPP2 secretariat at: vbosserm@tia.eia.org. In the meantime, we would appreciate an indication of interest in participating in the JEM from your organization. Please contact **Alex Gogic**, QUALCOMM, Incorporated (agogic@qualcomm.com) with any questions about the JEM.

We would like to make decisions on the general approach for mobile equipment identifier definition expeditiously, and hope that technical experts in your organizations will start developing contributions on the outlined topics, as well as additional relevant issues.

We look forward to hearing from you, and anticipate that this JEM will present the industry with an opportunity to combine efforts on a topic of importance to us all.

For additional questions regarding meeting location, please contact **Paulette Korns**, 3GPP2 Meeting Planner, Telephone: +1 703 907 7496, Fax: +1 703 907 7728, Email: pkorns@tia.eia.org.

Thank you,

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Joint Expert Meeting on Equipment Identifiers

Vancouver, Canada, January 17-18, 2002

The Hotel Vancouver (Fairmont)

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Draft Agenda

- 1. Call to Order & Opening Remarks (Start Time will be 9:00 AM)
- 2. Attendance Registration
- 3. Numbering of Contributions
- 4. Adoption of Agenda
- 5. Introduction of Participants
- 6. New Business
- e) Structure and Format of Identifiers
- f) Impact of Identifiers upon Technical Specifications.....
- 7. JEM Report and Conclusions
- 8. Other Business
- 9. Assignments
- 10.Future Meetings
- 11.Adjournment