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To: Dr. Roger Marks, Chair, IEEE 802.16 Working Group

CC: Mr. Paul Nikolich, Chairman of IEEE802 Executive Committee

Subject: Request for Liaison

Date: February 8, 2007

Dear Sir,

Further to my previous correspondence to you, dated December 27, 2006, on the situation of BWA standardization in Japan, it is my pleasure to communicate with you herewith to initiate a possible collaboration between our two organizations.

Considering that the final report on the technical conditions for BWA systems in Japan was completed and submitted by the Telecommunications Council in December 2006 and that regulations for BWA systems are now being developed by the government based upon the report, the BWA Subcommittee of ARIB is preparing to develop technical standards for BWA systems to be used by the industry. It is our common understanding that such technical standards shall be harmonized and consistent with internationally recognized standards.

Consequently, it is considered necessary for the BWA Subcommittee to work closely with international standardization bodies that are responsible for broadband wireless access technology development. Since the IEEE 802.16e-2005 based Mobile WiMAX is recognized as one of the possible technologies for the broadband wireless access, it is considered worthy for the BWA Subcommittee to start collaboration with the IEEE 802.16 Working Group and to initiate harmonization. One of the possible work areas could be to prepare for the transposition of the international standards to ARIB standards and to establish an agreement on the usage and maintenance of such standards document. In addition, we would like to set up procedures on how to include Japanese local requirements into the international standard if necessary.

In this context, we would like to initiate sharing relevant information between the two organizations (IEEE 802.16 Working Group and BWA Subcommittee of ARIB) and start collaborative work on topics of mutual interest. Thus, we ask for the establishment of a formal liaison between the two organizations as the first step to future collaboration. Dr. Takashi Shono of Intel K.K. (E-mail: takashi.shono@intel.com) will be the liaison representative to the IEEE 802.16 Working Group on behalf of the BWA Subcommittee of ARIB.

If you agree with our proposal, it would be appreciated if you could inform us of your liaison representative to us with his/her affiliation and e-mail address,.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fumio Watanabe', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fumio Watanabe
Chair, BWA Subcommittee
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