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To Roger Marks, Chair, IEEE 802.16 Working Group (r.b.marks@ieee.org)

Dear Roger,

Thank you for your liaison statement dated on May 11th 2007. The WiMAX Forum[®] is pleased to see IEEE 802.16TM Working Group has agreed to consider WiMAX Forum[®] Mobile System Profile as the reference for backward compatibility. In general, WiMAX Forum would collaborate with IEEE 802.16TM Working Group to address any issues that may arise through out the development of IEEE 802.16m project.

Specifically with respect to your request in the above referenced liaison letter, WiMAX Forum has discussed and recognized the need for a clear reference in IEEE 802.16 to WiMAX Forum Mobile System Profile to ensure unambiguous definition of backward compatibility requirements. Therefore, and per your request, WiMAX Forum will ensure that the documents referenced will remain available to the public for the duration of the standards development process and the life of the standard.

WiMAX Forum also acknowledges the fact that 802.16 would need to reference a specific revision of the system profile. We will therefore commit to communicate with IEEE 802.16TM Working Group any update to the WiMAX Forum Mobile System Profile as and if they arise. Also, through these communications, WiMAX Forum may explicitly authorize 802.16TM Working Group to make such updates available to 802.16TM Working Group membership and to review it during their meetings.

Currently the latest WiMAX Forum Mobile System Profile can be found at the following link.

[WiMAX Forum Mobile System Profile, Release 1.0 Approved Specification \(Revision 1.4: 2007-05-02\)](#)

The document is also attached to this latter. WiMAX Forum hereby authorizes 802.16TM Working Group to make this document available to 802.16TM Working Group membership and to review it during their meetings.

We hope that this response address the questions/concerns raised in your liaison letter and we will continue working with you on identifying and other issues and resolve them in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

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President, WiMAX Forum