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Dear Members,

TCCA Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy

TCCA is aware that Members may have IPR in the development of standardised critical communications equipment and solutions related to work carried out in TCCA.

It is recognised that any such IPR which is Essential or likely to be Essential will be declared to ETSI, another 3GPP Organisational Partner, or other relevant Standards Development Organisation (SDO). TCCA supports and endorses the ETSI IPR policy principle that all manufacturers should be appropriately licensed under fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory (FRAND) terms.

Since Intellectual Property Rights exist in law and are enforceable by the owner, any Member, or non-member, that is considering manufacturing or supplying standardised critical communications equipment and solutions should ensure that they have fully reviewed the patents and any other IPRs that may be applicable for their products and have the appropriate licences in place prior to performing any act which would be prohibited by those IPRs such as manufacturing equipment or offering it for sale. Any issues arising out of this are for the parties involved to resolve and TCCA does not have any role in this.

The ongoing work of some of TCCA's working groups may be impacted by participants' IPR. In order to provide openness and fairness to all involved, Members are required to notify all other participants of the group of any IPR that they should reasonably be aware of which might affect that work. TCCA has no interest in participants' IPR other than in endeavouring to take reasonable measures as far as possible to create this openness and fairness in the work of its groups.

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Tony Gray
Chief Executive