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TO: Assignees of Electronic Serial Numbers (ESNs) and Interested Parties

RE: Assignment of Test Mobile Blocks for Mobile Equipment IDentifiers (MEIDs)

FROM: ESN, UIM ID and MEID Manufacturer's Code Administrators

Dear Colleagues,

In its role as administrator of MEIDs, TIA is ready to begin assigning MEIDs in small quantities for testing purposes, as the need arises by mobile set manufacturers. It is expected the implementation of MEID test mobile blocks will be confined to internal facilities as opposed to being deployed on "live" networks.

To apply for an MEID, interested parties are invited to review the most recent version of the MEID GHA Assignment Guidelines and Procedures (SC.R4002-0 v1.0) available on the web site of the Third Generation Partnership Project 2 (3GPP2) and also posted as one of the documents (hyperlink "MEID Administrative Procedures") on the MEID section of TIA's ESN web page, www.tiaonline.standards/esn

where a number of documents are accessible describing the migration from ESNs-to-MEIDs. It should be noted the SC.R4002-0 v.1.0 is presently under review, particularly the process relating to multi-mode assignments and regional administration revisions.

Applicants will be required to complete and submit Form A: MEID Application, to be assigned an MEID for test purposes. Application forms may be either faxed to the number on the form, +1 703 907 7728, or submitted via e-mail to meidadmin@tiaonline.org. On the Form A, under "Number of MFR Code blocks required", please reference "MEID Test Mobile Range Block" indicating the Form A applies to MEID test mobiles. A fee of US $500 will be charged for a MEID Test Mobile assignment. The test block serial numbers will be allocated in small quantities (2,048) in the A0000000 manufacturer code block.

It should also be noted that the timing of actual assignment of MEIDs intended for "live" (non-test) mobile sets is expected to be dependent on standards readiness, notification of back-office operations prior to assignment of non-test MEID assignments and general agreement of the service provider community, including those represented on the TR-45 Ad Hoc ESN/UIM/MEID and through industry outreach communications.