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Title: Liaison request from EDIFICE, Switzerland (www.edifice.org)

**Document for:** Decision

## 1 Introduction

We have received an approach from EDIFICE requesting a liaison with CEN/ISSS/WS/eCAT.

## 2 Liaisons in CEN/ISSS Workshops

The conclusion of liaison arrangements is a matter for individual Workshops. They may be one or two-way. In general, we would expect Workshops requiring "outward" liaisons to appoint a named individual who is from a registered participating company or organization to carry out this liaison. In the "inward" sense, the liaison body, or its formal nominee, has the right to receive all Workshop documentation, to submit documents and provide comments, and to attend all meetings. However, the liaison status does not give the right to a formal participation in the consensus process or in the taking of any formal decisions by the Workshop (unless of course an individual liaison representative is also a registered participant in their own right).

## 3 The liaison proposal

EDIFICE represents the majority of the European electronics industry and is recognised as such by other organisations. It is a forum to be educated in B2B processes and technologies and also avail of the knowledge and experiences of other member companies. EDIFICE provides an opportunity to contribute to the direction and evolution of B2B standards and processes that will benefit the industry.

EDIFICE is the European RosettaNet user group that provides a forum for companies with interests in computing, electronics and telecommunications which as a group, drives and enables global standardized B2B adoption in Europe through best practice, information sharing and influencing of standards development.

It has come to the attention of EDIFICE that the work within CEN/ISSS/WS/eCAT and ePDC will be of particular interest and relevance to EDFICE, and therefore liaison status is requested.

We propose the Workshop to agree to this request, and invite EDIFICE to nominate a representative to be included on the Workshop mailing list.