memorandum

Rémi THOMAS was born in 1959. He graduated from the "Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications" (Paris) in 1982. He joined CNET (today known as FT R&D), the research institute of France Télécom in 1983. After having worked in the domain of dimensioning and probability processes applied to telecommunications, he joined in 1987, still at CNET, the team in charge of research and standardisation for GSM. He contributed to GSM3 and plenary of GSM. From 1995 to 1999, he chaired ETSI/SMG7, the ETSI sub technical committee in charge of the GSM testing and type approval.

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In Orange France Rémi THOMAS is director of the “UMTS network project”. In a first phase the purpose of this project was to coordinate the technical actions (services, network rollout, system aspects …) of Orange France in the world of UMTS.

Today the goal of the “UMTS network project” is to guarantee the end-to-end QoS of the Orange France UMTS network and to steer the functional evolutions of this network (e.g. HSDPA).

Rémi THOMAS spoke in numerous technical conferences; he contributed to “GSM and UMTS – The creation of Global Mobile Communication” which is the GSM history book. He is on the « GSM Roll of Honour list » released in 2001 by the GSM Association.