Release Taxonomy

Releases at the Hyperledger Project are done according to the semver.org taxonomy. In addition to the semantic versioning scheme, where we use MAJOR.MINOR.PATCH numbering, following the established guidance given in the semver specification, it is also strongly encouraged that projects should use the following tags, as permitted by semver:

- preview
- alpha
- beta
- rcN (release candidate N - where N is 1-n incremented for each candidate)
- snapshot-<sha> for interim, possible unstable builds

1) Note that this is not about exiting from the incubator, though a beta or production release should not be made while still in incubation.

2) Further, for interim, possibly unstable builds working towards a tagged release, we will append the first seven (7) characters of the SHA-1 hash of the latest commit for the branch from which the build is produced, so that we can identify the commit level of a given test, etc. e.g. 0.6-snapshot-36e99cd