

LNP Consortium of the Cayman Islands

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By email to: dauid.archbold@icta.ky

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Dear Mr. Archbold,

Re: Request for Further Extension of Time to Implement Number Portability in The Cayman Islands

The Consortium has reviewed the feasibility of launching number portability services on 1 July 2011, in accordance with the Authority's directive. We note in particular that, despite months of negotiations, the operators and the CRD (Central Reference Database) vendor have not yet signed the contract.

In light of this, the operators agree that number portability cannot be launched by 1 July 2011. Progress has been made with the selection of Porting XS as preferred provider for the CRD solution and the technical specifications for the operation of the database are agreed. However several key milestones are still to be reached before a contract can be signed by the operators and Porting XS.

A draft contract is close to being completed with discussions ongoing on the final wording for several key sections. Likewise the porting rules are close to being agreed, with discussions to be concluded on some key elements.


The operators continue to seek agreement on the above issues but are of the view that if agreement is not reached by 1 July 2011, the assistance of the ICTA will be required. The ICTA's assistance in finalizing the porting rules and the overall contract would greatly assist the realization of the ICTA's goal of delivering number portability in a timely manner. Therefore the Consortium requests, subject to the contract not being finalised by 1 July 2011, that the ICTA take a more active role in finalizing the necessary agreements while allowing time for the necessary consultation process and potential appeals arising from any intervention by the ICTA.

There was, unfortunately, limited consensus on the amount of time required to actually implement the number portability solution. Logic has advised that it would require one to two months from the date of signature of the contract with the CRD vendor. LIME was confident it would require no more than three months. Telecayman stated that a minimum of three months would be required. Digicel stated that six months would be required. The most we can say at this time is that the implementation of number portability will require at best three (3) months, and at worst six (6) months, from the date the contract is signed with the CRD vendor.

Accordingly, the operators request that the Authority extend the deadline for implementing number portability in the Cayman Islands with the foregoing in mind.

Please note that this letter is without prejudice to the rights of the individual members of the Consortium to make their own submissions to the Authority.

Yours sincerely,

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cc. Consortium Members