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Subject: [*SP* 30%] Further report of the LNP Working Group

Dear Mr. Archbold,

Further to our report of 15 July 2009, the LNP Working Group has met and further discussed the issues involved in establishing Number Portability (NP) in the Cayman Islands. Consistent with our earlier report, the clear consensus of the Working Group (Digicel, LIME, TeleCayman and WestTel) is that:

1. We are keen to have NP successfully implemented in a manner that ensures long term viability.
2. We are only beginning to understand what we do not know about NP.
3. Without a deeper understanding of what we need to know, there is a strong chance that we might not achieve the first goal.

While the Working Group did discuss some timelines for the implementation of NP in the Cayman Islands, the consensus was that these were guesses, at best, and it was almost certain that one or more suggested milestones might not be realistic or that trying to adhere blindly to them might not result in a successful implementation of NP. No member of the Working Group endorses spending the financial and other resources necessary to implement NP with such a high degree of unknowns or risks of failure.

Given that detailed knowledge is the largest gap facing the Working Group, we have tasked its Technical Committee to identify potential persons with experience or expertise in implementing NP, and to determine the approximate cost of engaging them as a consultant. As the Working Group has already identified a list of potentially qualified NP solution providers (please refer to the confidential attachment to our 15 July 2009 report), this person's primary responsibilities would be to draft and issue an RFP, assist the Authority and Working Group in reviewing the responses, and oversee the successful implementation of NP by the selected vendor.

The Working Group proposes that the Authority contract with this person, so that he or she will not be seen to be tied to any specific licensee. We also propose that the Authority, or a yet-to-be-formed industry entity if it is fully constituted, contract with the selected NP solution provider for the same reasons.

The Working Group also requests the opportunity to meet with the Board of the Authority, in order to discuss the concerns its members have regarding an attempt to implement NP without fully understand what it necessary in order to do so.

On behalf of the Working Group,

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