



## LNP Consortium of the Cayman Islands

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By email to: [david.archbold@icta.ky](mailto:david.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**

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By letter dated 4 May 2010, The LNP Consortium of the Cayman Islands<sup>1</sup> applied for an extension of the implementation date for Number Portability (NP) in The Cayman Islands from June 30, 2010. The letter stated that *'..The Companies view a reasonably and likely deadline, given the progress to date, to be 28 February 2011. While the foregoing discourse suggest an "optimistic" estimate of 1 November 2010, as noted, this estimate incorporates a number of material risk of delay...'*

### **Progress to Date**

The ICTA provided an extension for the implementation of NP to 14 November 2010. In its response by e-mail dated 14 May 2010, the ICTA undertook to *'... Following receipt of each report, the Authority will, if necessary, consider whether a further extension is warranted'*.

Since the grant of the extension to 14 November 2010 for the implementation of NP, the Consortium has made significant progress, however this progress was costly in time because there were several disputes that were referred to the ICTA for resolution which included disputes on cost sharing, allocation of voting rights and vendor selection. While these fundamental issues were being addressed

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<sup>1</sup> Cable and Wireless (Cayman Islands) Limited, trading as LIME, Digicel Cayman Limited, TeleCayman Limited, and WestTel Limited, trading as Logic.

by the ICTA, it was difficult for the Consortium to make much progress. The latest dispute, the vendor selection dispute, was disposed of by the ICTA in its final decision dated 29 October 2010.

By letter dated 4 November 2010, the vendor Porting XS was advised by the Consortium that its Porting Access ('PortingXS') InPorts® Hosted / Shared solution has been selected as the solution of choice for The Cayman Islands. The Consortium had its first meeting with Porting XS on 16 November 2010.

### **Request for Extension of Time**

As required in the above referenced e-mail of 14 May 2010, the Consortium has been submitting monthly updates to the ICTA while fundamental disputes were being resolved by the ICTA. In the last Consortium meeting of 16 November 2010, all operators reviewed their progress and readiness plans for NP. Based on this review, it became clear that the most realistic go live date for NP in The Cayman Islands is July 1, 2011.

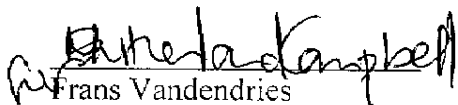
The proposed Consortium timeline is also supported by the selected vendor Porting XS, who advised the Consortium in its meeting of 16th November 2010 that their worldwide experience indicates that a realistic timeframe for operators to implement NP is typically no less than five (5) to six (6) months.

### **Request to Present to the Board**

Consistent with the referenced e-mail of 14 May 2010, the Consortium would be happy to meet with the Board of the ICTA now that the vendor has been selected.

The Consortium would be pleased to answer any questions that the ICTA may have.

Yours sincerely,



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Chairman

LNP Consortium of the Cayman Islands

cc. Consortium Members