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Information & Communications Technology Authority

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Mr. Joseph Hew  
President  
Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 1000 GT  
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Dear Mr. Hew,

### **Local Number Portability**

I acknowledge and thank you for your correspondence of 3 December 2004.

As was indicated by Mr. Brazeau to the Chief Executive the time for submitting comments on this proceeding was extended from 30 September to 19 November to accommodate the delay occasioned by the recent hurricane. This date was subsequently further extended to 3 December 2004. The Chief Executive requested a further extension to 1 January 2005. Mr. Brazeau indicated that, although a further formal extension would not be granted, should the Chamber of Commerce submit their comments by the requested date they would likely be taken into consideration. The Chamber of Commerce is now requesting an extension of three months duration. Regrettably the Authority cannot agree to the extension for comment by the Chamber of Commerce on the Local Number Portability consultative proceeding to the end of March 2005.

In your correspondence you indicate that none of your members had raised the topic of Local Number Portability to the Council. It should be pointed out that some enterprises have submitted comments on their own initiative. I would suggest that you advise your membership that they are capable of continuing to do so until 1 January 2005 advising us as to their views on the public consultative document which can be found on the Authority's web site at [www.icta.ky](http://www.icta.ky).

Your comment to the effect that Local Number Portability is not a trivial exercise is well warranted and the Authority does not propose to proceed upon Local Number Portability until it has determined if it is warranted and, if so, the manner in which it should be implemented. I appreciate the whole process may have been of a lengthy

duration in other jurisdictions but also recognize that these other jurisdictions were breaking new ground and the Authority can benefit from many of the lessons learnt by other regulators. I can assure you that in arriving at its decision the Authority will be appropriately deliberative and take into consideration the consequences of such decision upon Licensees, the market place and consumers.

Yours sincerely,

David Archbold  
Managing Director