



National Information and Communications Technology Authority

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Call for Tenders – Consultation Services Mobile Number Portability

In furtherance of its efforts to promote competition and improve quality of service of mobile networks, the National Information and Communications Technology Authority (NICTA) in 2016/2017 conducted a Public Inquiry into the costs and benefits of implementation of mobile number portability (MNP) in Papua New Guinea. The Recommendation Report from the Public Inquiry (2017 Report) was that MNP should be implemented in PNG but not before such time as NICTA was satisfied that a “Triggering Event” occurred.

A Triggering Event was defined in the Report as one of the following events occurring:

- (a) the issue of a licence to a new entrant mobile network operator with resources that enable that operator to compete effectively with current market operators; or
- (b) the financial strengthening of Telikom (at the time) to enable it to compete effectively and sustainably in the PNG mobile services market, as well as demonstrate it can fund the requisite network/ system investments to support the MNP service.

NICTA Board has determined that with the issuance of a new entrant licenced to provide mobile services in Papua New Guinea, a trigger requirement has been met for MNP to be pursued. NICTA however acknowledges the passage of time since the 2017 Report and the Trigger Event and therefore wishes to undertake a desk review of the Report taking into account market developments and industry data for period since then that may be necessary to consider whether or not it would be appropriate to proceed on the basis of the October 2017 Recommendation Report to the Minister, with or without adjustments.

NICTA is therefore inviting suitably qualified firms and or experts to provide consultancy services to NICTA to undertake a review of the 2017 Recommendation Report and potential MNP implementation generally in PNG.

The tender document is available on NICTA's website (www.nicta.gov.pg). Tenders will close on 25th March 2022. Up to date information on Tender will be available from NICTA's website.

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