



PUBLIC NOTICE

SECOND ROUND SUBMISSIONS IN RELATION TO PNG DATA CO'S REFERENCE INTERCONNECTION OFFER (RIO)

BACKGROUND

NICTA commenced a public consultation in relation to a Reference Interconnection Offer (RIO) on 17 August 2020. The RIO related to the terms and conditions that PNG DataCo proposes in relation to wholesale capacity services declared by the Minister on 19 February 2019 and to wholesale services which incorporate such services.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXTENSIONS

The period for initial submissions in response to the proposed RIO has been extended on two occasions at the request of stakeholders in order to give them time to make enquiries and to inform themselves on the issues to be able to make comments. The second extension set the deadline for comments at 16 October 2020. Four submissions have been received and have been subsequently posted to the NICTA website (www.nicta.gov.pg).

SECOND ROUND SUBMISSIONS

The requirement for a public consultation of at least four weeks on any RIO is required in Section 142(2) of the National Information and Communications Technology Act 2009 (the Act).

The primary purpose of the second round is to enable stakeholders to provide comments on the submissions received in the first round. This process is sometimes called the comments-on-comments or cross-comments stage of a public consultation. It is not required under the Act, but in the case of this RIO it is particularly appropriate to enable the expression of any diverse views on issues considered by some to be complex. Submissions need not be restricted to cross-comments but stakeholders should be aware that comments made to date will be carefully considered and taken into account by NICTA, and need not be repeated.

Submissions should be delivered to NICTA Head Office and soft copies via email to consultationsubmission@nicta.gov.pg by close of business on Friday 13th November 2020. Copies of all submissions received will be published on NICTA's Public Register consistent with the requirements under subsection 229(3) of the National ICT Act, 2009. Enquiries in relation to this matter can be directed to **Mr Polume Lume** on email: plume@nicta.gov.pg or contacted on phone number **303 3272**.

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