PUBLIC NOTICE TO CONDUCT A CONSULTATION ON

THE COMMUNICATION COMMISSION OF KIRIBATI’S

PROPOSED NUMBERING RULES AND NUMBERING PLAN

In accordance with Section 64 of the Communications Act of 2012, the Communications Commission of Kiribati (CCK) shall conduct a public consultation before making Numbering Rules. Accordingly, the CCK gives notice that it has initiated a consultation process during which interested parties may submit their comments regarding its draft proposal for Numbering Rules.

The Communications Act of 2012 provides for a liberalised communications market. Given that the Kiribati Numbering Plan is a finite national resource, and that access to allocations from within that numbering scheme is a key facilitator for the provision of networks and services, the CCK is developing a management and allocation regime aimed at ensuring transparent and non-discriminatory access to national numbering resources for all stakeholders.

The objectives of these Numbering Rules are to:

1. ensure transparent and non-discriminatory access to national numbering resources for all operators, and indirectly to users, in order to support the principle that in the future there will be competitive network operators and service providers working on equal and competitively neutral terms in the overall market
2. establish a National Numbering Plan that both recognises the current numbering arrangements and, where appropriate, develops changes to create a modern numbering plan with adequate capacity and flexibility to meet the future requirements, including for the introduction of competition
3. specify the management and administration of the National Numbering Plan, including the responsibilities of the various stakeholders, the standards to be followed, and the information to be published
4. create a set of arrangements for the future allocation of numbering capacity from within the overall numbering plan
5. specify the terms and conditions for the use of numbers from within the allocated ranges
6. seek to ensure that the effects on users and operators of any changes to the numbering plan are justified and proportional
7. specify the conditions for the introduction of number portability

For more information regarding CCK’s draft Numbering Rules, please visit the CCK website at [www.cck.ki](http://www.cck.ki).

Stakeholders are encouraged to comment on any aspect of the draft Rules and in particular, the Commission appreciates responses to the following questions:

* Is the allocation process, as detailed in part 3 of the Numbering Rules, adequately described?
* Are the contents of the Numbering Return and Numbering Report appropriate (as described in part 4 of the Numbering Rules)?
* Are the numbering usage terms and conditions as described in part 5 of the Numbering Rules appropriate?
* Do you agree with the proposal for the introduction of mobile numbering portability (as described in part 6 of the Numbering Rules)?
* Do you agree with the principles specified for mobile number portability, in particular with regard to the implementation of a centralised database, the deployment of direct routing between mobile service providers, the employment of "one-stop shopping" principles, the proposed porting time, the outlawing of aggressive “win-back” actions and the allocation of porting costs?
* Do you agree with the numbering proposals for fixed PSTN allocations within the 2, 3, 4 and 8 numbering ranges as described in the Numbering Plan (Annex A)?
* Do you agree with the proposal to use digit 7 for all mobile services?
* Do you agree with the choice of 112 as a common emergency number?
* Do you agree with the choice of 12XX for carrier selection codes?

Responses should be in writing and include the name of the person or company/institution/association and their contact details, including email address if applicable. In the interest of transparency, CCK will publish all written responses to the consultation on its website, subject to the confidentiality of any information that the respondent has marked as confidential.

Once the CCK has received and considered any responses to this consultation, it will issue a final version of the Rules, which shall be published on its website. The deadline for the receipt of responses is 30 July 2014. Responses can be submitted to the CCK by:

* Email: consult@cck.ki
* Post: P.O. Box 529, Betio, Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati
* In person at the offices of CCK located in back of the Ministry of Communications, Transport, and Tourism Development in Betio.