



Request for Information

Mobile Number Portability

Republic of Iraq

RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Central Reference Database for Mobile
Number Portability in the Republic of Iraq

29 February 2016

1 Introduction

The Iraqi Communications and Media Commission (“**CMC**”) in its capacity as the sole entity responsible for regulating telecommunications, broadcasting and information Services in the Republic of Iraq, is initiating the process of launching the Mobile Number Portability service (“**MNP**”) in the Republic of Iraq.

In line with their respective obligations pursuant to the respective license agreements entered into with CMC, Asiacell, Korek and Zain, the three Iraqi mobile telecommunications operators (collectively referred to as “**Operators**”), are initiating the tendering process leading to the implementation and operation of a Centralised Reference Database (“**CRDB**”) for MNP in the Republic of Iraq, by inviting interested parties operating a CRDB (“**CRDB Supplier**”) to participate in a MNP tendering process, generating a shortlist of CRDB Suppliers eligible to receive the Request for Proposal (“**RFP**”).

1.1. Interpretation

Central Reference Data Base (“**CRDB**”) means an active data base that processes and manages Porting requests between Service Providers and that serves as the repository for information about Ported numbers.

Central Reference Data Base Supplier (“**CRDB Supplier**”) means the entity that establishes, maintains and operates the Central Reference Data Base, with the associated hardware, software, communications systems and other infrastructure items.

2 Objective

- 2.1. This Request for Information (“**RFI**”) sets out the rules and instructions for qualified interested parties to participate in the MNP tendering process.
- 2.2. This RFI is for information gathering purposes only, and no commercial or technical proposals are required at this early stage.
- 2.3. Among other conditions, CRDB Suppliers shall, without limitation, (i) have at least two (2) similar MNP projects successfully implemented, and (ii) be duly qualified to establish, maintain and operate the CRDB for MNP in the Republic of Iraq for a period of five (5) years or any other period as may be determined in the RFP or any subsequent documents.
- 2.4. All respondents must direct their response to this RFI written in English, one original in hardcopy by post and one softcopy by email, to the appointed single point of contact (“**SPOC**”) at the consultancy company, WRAP, provided hereunder:

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2.5. Any questions or inquiries, written in English, regarding this RFI should be directed by email to the SPOC at WRAP:

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Responses received after 21 March 2016 and/or not written in English will not be considered.

3 Anticipated Tentative Time Frames for Evaluation and Selection Process

→ RFI Issuance Date	29 February 2016
→ Questions on RFI due in	14 March 2016
→ Responses to RFI due in	21 March 2016
→ Finalists Selected in	27 March 2016
→ RFP Issuance Date	28 March 2016
→ Questions on RFP due in	18 April 2016
→ Responses to RFP due in	25 April 2016
→ Final Evaluation and Selection	9 May 2016
→ Contract Negotiations Starting Date	16 May 2016
→ Contract Signature Date	6 June 2016
→ MNP Project Commencement Date	13 June 2016
→ MNP Launch Date	Q2 2017

4 Criteria for Evaluation of Responses

A committee will evaluate the responses to this RFI based on the CRDB Providers' ability as indicated below:

- 4.1. Brief company profile indicating company history, primary business location, business/market focus for the company, and the division or organisational entity responsible for the MNP CRDB solution.
- 4.2. Number of years of experience in providing MNP CRDB solutions.
- 4.3. Statement certifying that the company has established, maintained and operated at least two (2) installations of similar MNP projects.
- 4.4. Description of each MNP CRDB solution already implemented by the CRDB Supplier with;
 - 4.4.1 Name of the country;
 - 4.4.2 Basic information about the telecom landscape in the country;
 - 4.4.3 Name of the entity that requested the project;

- 4.4.4 Name of the project;
- 4.4.5 Start- and end-date for the project;
- 4.4.6 High-level description of the functionality supported;
- 4.4.7 High-level information about the project (e.g. cooperation with the Telecom Regulatory Authority and the local operators); and
- 4.4.8 Outcome of MNP as at the date of the response.

5 Contact Information required

- 5.1. About the CRDB Supplier:
 - 5.1.1 Name
 - 5.1.2 Official address
 - 5.1.3 Registration number
 - 5.1.4 Company Web Site URL
- 5.2 For the individual/group to which the RFP should be sent
 - 5.2.1 Name
 - 5.2.2 Position
 - 5.2.3 E-mail
 - 5.2.4 Mobile number

For the Operators
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