



## GOVERNMENT OF KIRIBATI

### PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL THE BUSINESS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES KIRIBATI LIMITED

Tarawa, 4th April, 2014.

The Government of Kiribati announces its plan to sell the business of Telecommunication Services Kiribati Limited (TSKL) later this year. The plan is part of a broader reform agenda for the telecommunications sector spelled out in the National ICT Policy of 2011 and enabled by a new Communications Act passed in 2013. It also includes the strengthening of the existing regulator's office, which is now renamed as the Communications Commission of Kiribati (CCK).

The government's objective is to sell the business of TSKL to a reputable international telecommunications company by an open and transparent process that has been well tried in sales of government owned telecommunications companies around the world and which meets the criteria for transparency approved by the World Bank.

The sales process is led by the Ministry of Communications, Transport and Tourism Development working through the State-owned Enterprise Reform Steering Committee and has the objective of improving the quality and range of telecommunications services available to business and to consumers.

Over the past few months, a team of experts from Nathan Associates Inc, an international consulting firm, has been visiting Kiribati and assessing different options for injecting private capital into TSKL. Nathan Associates, which was selected last year for the task, will be advising the government on this sale.

Nathan Associates Inc. is a prominent international economics consulting firm located near Washington DC, in the United States. Since its founding in 1946, Nathan Associates has worked in 130 countries.

For further enquiries please contact:

Ms. Teea Tira

Chairperson

State-owned Enterprise Reform Steering Committee

P.O Box 68, Bairiki, Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati

Attn: Mr. Bareti Tong, E-mail: [btong@mfep.gov.ki](mailto:btong@mfep.gov.ki)