

## Barbados awards fixed wireless licenses

The Government of Barbados issued fixed wireless licenses to three Caribbean companies according to an official announcement on 15 October 2004. The selected companies, TeleBarbados, WISCOM Technologies, and Last Mile Holdings, will compete directly with the incumbent, Cable & Wireless, in the provision of telephony and Internet services.

The introduction of competition in basic telephony corresponds to stage two of the Government's telecommunications liberalization program that started in November 2002. The Government completed stage one in August 2003 by liberalizing the mobile sector. The Government recently postponed stage three, which comprises opening the international and long distance market, originally scheduled for August 2004.

Despite the delays in completing stage three, the Government recently awarded submarine cable landing licenses to two companies that will provide additional bandwidth to the international market.

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