## **Consultation Paper on the Implementation of 3G Mobile in Mauritius**

On 14 July 2004, the Mauritius Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA) launched a consultation paper on the implementation of third generation (3G) mobile services in Mauritius. The government of Mauritius has given approval to introduce 3G services in January 2005. The purpose of this paper consists of (1) examining the issues involved in the implementation of 3G for mobile broadband communication services in Mauritius, (2) analyzing some fundamental technologies prior to 3G, and (3) introducing International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT-2000). ICTA specifies that the market demand for 3G applications is considered with a view to setting out a proper regulatory framework for 3G in Mauritius. The consultation document includes ICTA's recommendations on spectrum allocation, spectrum re-farming and license fees for 3G services. Comments on the consultation document should reach the ICTA by 31 July 2004 at the latest.

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