



**OPENING STATEMENT**

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**OF THE**

**COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF NAMIBIA**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING**

**ON THE DETERMINATION OF LICENSEES HOLDING A DOMINANT POSITION IN THE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS MARKET IN NAMIBIA IN TERMS OF SECTION 78 OF THE  
COMMUNICATIONS ACT (NO. 8 OF 2009)**

**WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA**

**21 JANUARY 2016**

- Representatives of the telecommunications industry,
- CRAN colleagues present here,
- Consumers and interest groups,
- Members of the Media,
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is my singular honour to welcome you to this important public hearing and wish you a prosperous and productive 2016. I am certain and positive that our strategic relationship with you, our esteemed stakeholders will develop and continue to strengthen through this and other future engagements.

### **Ladies and gentlemen**

The Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia was established to ensure the implementation of the provisions set out in the Communications Act (Act No.8 of 2009), Section 78, dealing with licensees who hold a dominant position in the market.

It is prescribed by law that in order to identify dominant licensees a public hearing must be hosted by the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia. The platform will provide stakeholders an opportunity to argue their case and raise their views, facts and opinions on whether a certain licensee should or should not be categorised as a dominant player.

As the initiator of this process, CRAN commissioned its first dominance study in 2012 where the dominant players in the telecommunications market were identified. In 2015, as required by the Act, CRAN carried out an updated study which forms the basis of today's public hearing. This study differed significantly from the one conducted in 2012 indicating that Namibia has a vibrant and changing telecommunications market and CRAN therefore had to relook markets within the ambient of the Act. I am sure most of you have a copy of at least one of the previous and or most current studies, if not please let us know.

Director of Ceremonies,

Regulators name dominant players in the market so as to better safeguard fair competition for all players, especially the smaller industry participants. It is through the heightened regulation of licensees that hold a dominant position in the market that consumers and industry can equally benefit. Consumers can benefit through the direct result of affordable user prices, better products, and services. This effort also creates an efficient market investment.

To conclude, I humbly urge attendees to take advantage of this democratic process by sharing your opinions, ideas and raising questions on this topical matter. Thank you for attending and please visit our website and social media platforms to stay updated and informed on this and other information related to CRAN.

I thank you!