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Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia

REMARKS BY

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CHAIRPERSON: CRAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

AT

JOCHEN TRAUT'S FAREWELL PARTY

Date: 03 December 2021

Venue: Droombos Estate

Time: 15H00

- Emilia Nghikembua, Chief Executive Officer,
- Fellow CRAN Board Members,
- CRAN Executive Management and team,
- Invited guests,
- Director of Ceremonies,

Good afternoon and thank you all for gracing us with your presence. I would like to observe prominence to our guest of honour, the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia's (CRAN) founding Chief Operations Officer and former Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Jochen Traut and his beautiful spouse and family.

Today, we are all gathered here to bid farewell to Jochen, our Chief Operations Officer, after 10 years of service and leadership at CRAN.

To provide a brief biography about Jochen, he is an accomplished planner, implementer, operational and business development professional with over 40 years' experience in the telecommunications industry. He is passionate about the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) industry and was instrumental in the setup of Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTC). Jochen holds a Masters Diploma in Technology from the Technicon of Pretoria (now known as Tswane University of Technology), a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from UNISA, and a Senior Management Development Programme Certificate from the University of

Stellenbosch Business School. He is an extrovert, outspoken, direct, forward-thinking, and a strategic thinker with strong interpersonal skills who believes in inspiring people to achieve their objectives through motivation, empowerment and trust. As a firm believer in change as a necessity for advancement, Jochen functions well within a team on various levels and in multicultural environments.

Director of Ceremonies,

Mr. Traut, accept our thanks and appreciation for all the leadership and guidance you provided CRAN during your 10-year tenure. Your visionary leadership enabled CRAN to attain numerous achievements and played a vital role in transforming the ICT sector for the socio-economic benefit of all Namibians.

Mr. Traut's expertise and professionalism has contributed to the successful implementation of CRAN's Strategic goals and objectives over the years.

Jochen's role, as Chief Operations Officer, was to oversee the developments, implementation and review of Regulations and Guidelines for the use, and allocation of Radio Spectrum, Electronic Communication Services, Postal Services, Universal Access and Services and Telecommunications Equipment Type Approval.

Director of Ceremonies,

Allow me to share some of the milestones attained under Jochen's guidance:

- Draft regulations in respect of the Universal Service Fund and Universal Access and Service, aimed at closing the digital divide gap between rural and urban areas, were published in June 2015 and were finalised during December 2016;
- CRAN implemented Infrastructure Sharing Regulations, which were published during October 2016 to create a framework for all licensees to share passive infrastructure, such as tower space and wireless and fiber transmission networks and active infrastructure, such as central databases and platforms;
- During November 2016, CRAN commenced with the enforcement of Type Approval regulations after allowing the industry a grace period of 22 months to adhere to these regulations published in January 2015. These regulations ensure the importation of telecommunications equipment to meet international standards and curb the influx of outdated, counterfeit and grey products into the market;
- In 2017, CRAN introduced two new service licence categories, namely Class Network Facilities Telecommunications Service Licence and Class Non-Profit ECNS/ECS Telecommunications Service Licence. The two new service licence categories were approved to support the implementation of infrastructure sharing and equal treatment of nonprofit entities providing broadcasting and telecommunications services in the industry;

- In 2018, CRAN rolled out Regulations for Postal Services, which will result in the provision of Namibia Post Limited (NamPost) with a Public Operator Postal Licence; and
- A critical framework/initiative developed in 2020 was the Frequency Channeling Plan for Digital Sound Broadcasting. This Plan would allow for the freeing up of more spectrum, which will result in the expansion of broadcasting services in accordance with the targets set out in the Harambee Prosperity Plan II and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) GEO6 to which Namibia is a signatory.

Director of Ceremonies,

To conclude, thank you Jochen for your support, guidance and strategic leadership you shared with us as Board of Directors, and in particular with myself as the Chairperson. Your commitment was the foundation and pillars of our successes. As much as it was difficult at the time to accept your retirement, I would like to extend my warm wishes for your next phase of life.

May the Grace of God bless you, and thank you for serving CRAN for 10 years with loyalty, integrity and the utmost and respectable levels of professionalism. We only wish you and your family God's richest blessings. May you have a safe, happy and healthy retirement.

I thank you!