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Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia

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AT THE

**PUBLIC CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON THE AMENDMENT
TO THE REGULATIONS IN RESPECT OF TYPE APPROVAL
AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

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**NAMIBIA INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND
MANAGEMENT (NIPAM)**

- **Director of Ceremonies,**
- **Esteemed ICT stakeholders,**
- **CRAN management and team**
- **Invited guests,**
- **Members of the media,**
- **Ladies and gentlemen,**

Good afternoon and a warm welcome!

Thank you for accepting our invitation to this important public consultative meeting invitation pertaining to the amendments of the Regulations in respect of Type Approval and Technical Standards for Telecommunications Equipment.

In terms of these Regulations, telecommunications equipment is defined as “communications or networking equipment with an interface to a public network or wide area network services” this definition includes but not limited to telecommunications terminal equipment, radio communication equipment powered by means of an internal or external electrical AC/DC energy source equipment and electronic communications network equipment.”

It is our intention today to further provide an overview of the amended Type Approval regulations and give a detailed outline of the various types of telecommunications equipment that require and those that

do not require Type Approval for the benefit of all stakeholders. It is necessary that we are all of the same understanding in this regard to ensure compliance and a smooth Type Approval application and compliance process.

Compliance of telecommunications equipment is not only to our national standards but are aligned with international standards applicable to Namibia. Which will prevent the operation and import of sub-standard equipment in the country that may present health and safety hazards to consumers and therefore for the protection of ICT consumers from products that are not compatible with our local networks.

Director of Ceremonies,

It is imperative to state that these amended Regulations are applicable to all telecommunications equipment used, sold, offered for sale or connected to an electronic communications network within Namibia and are applicable to all persons, whether legal or natural persons, and to the State.

Type Approval of such equipment further ensures that the operating frequency of telecommunications equipment and radio apparatus are in conformance with the national frequency band plan of Namibia.

All importers, vendors, patent owners and equipment manufacturers of telecommunications equipment you are again informed that the responsibility to obtain Type Approval certification is on you and therefore you are urged to have such certification before any goods enter the borders of the Republic of Namibia. Goods that reach the border without Type Approval certification will remain at the border (at the cost of importers) until such time that certification is received and goods are released and or returned.

Thus note that type approval applications may be considered within 40 days, provided that such applications are deemed complete and submitted on the required (Form 1) application document, accompanied by all required supporting documentation and upon payment of the applicable application fee.

Original equipment manufacturers outside Namibia may provide a letter of authorisation to a local or third party to apply on their behalf. The letter of authorisation should clearly state the company name that has been granted permission to apply for type approval in the Republic of Namibia on behalf of the said equipment manufacturer. Telecommunications equipment that is temporarily imported into Namibia for re-export do not require Type Approval certification, however, the Authority must receive such requests for temporary importation at a minimum of two (2) weeks notification prior to importation.

In conclusion, esteemed stakeholders, you will have noticed, that the Authority has, subsequent to our last stakeholder engagement session in Walvis Bay, taken your numerous input into consideration. I trust therefore that today's discussions will be welcome and fruitful and that you will again actively partake in the deliberations.

I thank you!