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Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia

REMARKS BY

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CRAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AT THE

**PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY
AUTHORITY OF NAMIBIA'S (CRAN) INTEGRATED
STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN (ISBP) AND FINANCIAL
PLAN TO THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (MICT)**

Date: Wednesday, 1 February 2023

Venue: MICT, Parliament Building, Media Boardroom

Time: 09h00

- Honourable Dr. Peya Mushelenga, Minister of Information and Communication Technology,
- Honourable Emma Theofelus, Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology,
- Dr. Audrin Mathe, Executive Director, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology,
- Mrs. Linda Aipinge, Director: ICT Development, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology,
- Fellow CRAN Board of Directors,
- MICT Executive Management and team,
- CRAN Executive Management and team,
- Distinguished delegates,

Good morning and thank you for hosting us to present the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) Integrated Strategic Business Plan (ISBP) and the Annual Business and Financial Plan to the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT).

We are extremely grateful for the continued support we receive from MICT which enables cooperation and assistance from your esteemed officials as we collectively and in union work towards achieving common goals for the ICT industry.

The Authority places emphasis on meeting our statutory obligations consistently and timeously and for that reason we are pleased today to present our Strategic Plan for the period 2023 to 2026 to as the current Strategic Plan cycle ends on 31 March 2023.

Honourable Minister, as you are well aware, our mandate entails the development and expansion of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector in Namibia so that all Namibians have access to a variety of services, products at high quality and affordable rates. Furthermore, it is our responsibility as a Regulator of this sector to ensure that service providers expand their products and services to underserved and un-served areas, in order to expand on universal access which in turn offers many benefits such as building a knowledge-based society as communities have access to information, employment, participation in national and international offerings which is crucial for the socio-economic development of our country.

Honourable Minister, the 2023/2024 financial period marks the first year in implementing CRAN's newly developed three-year ISBP. CRAN's ISBP is aimed at strategically directing, monitoring, and evaluating the Authority's overall performance in line with the Government's strategic objectives for universal access to information, affordable communication, deployment of digital infrastructure and postal services for economic benefits for all members of the Namibian

society. The Chief Executive Officer will provide an overview presentation on the ISBP.

Moreover, we at CRAN are placing emphasis on our strategic priorities namely, Organisational Sustainability, Strategic Partnering and Collaborations, Digital Transformation, and Market Development and Consumer Protection in order to be consistent and in sync with the Ministerial and governmental objectives as outlined in the MICT strategic plan and various national policies and agenda's, such as the Harambee Prosperity Plan (HHP), Vision 2030, Fifth National Development Plan (NDP5) and subsequent Sixth National Development Plan (NDP6).

Honourable Minister to conclude, the CRAN Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and the entire team are committed to achieving our mandate under your esteemed policy guidance.

We thank you Honourable Minister for entrusting and assigning the important national task of regulating this robust industry for the benefit of all Namibians, which same we shall achieve with dedication, transparency, and excellent corporate governance principles. Equally, the Board of Directors extends its gratitude to the team at MICT that supports through the implementation of the Boards strategic intent. Equally, esteemed acknowledgement to the Deputy Minister,

ED and Senior Officials who provided consistent and appreciated support to the realisation of CRAN's Strategic Plan.

I Thank You!