



NAMEEC (National Association of Manufacturers in Electronic Components) Response to ECA Bill



- **NAMEEC Background**

- NAMEEC is a Section 21 Company established in terms of the companies Act 61 of 1973 with registration number: 2009/023910/08.
- NAMEEC is a leading Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME) Body in Electronics Industry in South Africa, formed through the association of several South Africa's SMMEs in the ICT sector.
- It offers the electronics industry, in particular, the black owners of small, medium and micro enterprises, the collective voice and an enabling environment for their businesses.
- NAMEEC is a black owned SMME focused Organization based on relationships which are fluent in integrity, filled with passion and systematically guided with expertise, driven by excellence with the ultimate goal being an enabling environment for enterprises, innovative and diverse solutions in order to establish a globally competitive manufacturing sector in ICT, Automotive and Energy.



- **Aims and Objectives**

- Engage in Policy and Regulatory discussions and formulation in the country;
- Lobby and advocate for an inclusive participation in the sector;
- Negotiate and contract on behalf of our members in projects and government programs;
- Provide information and advice including life-long education and training for our members, partners and communities.
- Create structures and systems that encourage SMME's in the ICT sector to collaborate, share experiences, skills, best practice models and resources;
- Coordinate capacity building in the sector;
- Create strategic alliances and partnerships with key stakeholders to facilitate delivery of services, resources, funding and support for members, partners and communities;
- Encourage the utilization of locally developed technologies;
- Create employment for our members, partners, the youth, women and physically challenged members in our society.

- **Our Sectors**

- Electronic Manufacturing
- Broadcasting and Content Creation
- ICT: Telecommunications & Software Solutions
- Heavy Industries
- Energy
- Agriculture



- Welcomes the process of the holistic review of the National Integrated Information Communications & Technologies (ICT's) by the Department (of Telecommunications and Postal Services).



Intention

To fix the current structure
of the sector

However,

- There is a **problem of equitability of technology access and benefit.**
- **Government has failed** to act to correct non-performance of its Institutions
- As a result issues that were raised in the **green and white paper process of the 1990s**, appear yet again in the existing process.
- Commentary is made with little hope for improvement should the fundamentals not be dealt with appropriately.

The land-grab of the ICT sector:



- The repatriation and aggregation of costly spectrum is ridiculous considering that debt has been raised on the back of such an asset having been allocated in the first place.
- Doing so is most irresponsible as government and will effectively collapse the sector.
- The successful universality of infrastructure will only be found in low-cost equipment that uses low-demand or unregulated spectrum.

The WOAN



- Concept not fundamentally opposed in so far as it is pluralistic and realistic.
- It is incorrect to base the creation of a WOAN(s) as inextricably linked to spectrum; and more so, high demand spectrum.
- There should be multiple WOANs as there are open access core network providers offering services to MNOs and ISPs equally.
- None must have government as a shareholder; government must remain in its policy making domain and leave business to run business.

SADC Roaming



- This section does nothing to alter the status quo. It continues to perpetuate exploitation of SADC citizens.
- The bill must expressly state that the “home away from home roaming” provisions accepted by the SADC Minsiter of ICT in Windhoek be adhered to.
- South Africa has been cited by its neighbours as being lax in the implementation of this policy and its Regulator effectively captured by its MNOs.

Thank You

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