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THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT BILL [B31-2018]

The Portfolio Committee on Telecommunications and Postal Services (National Assembly) invites interested individuals and organisations to submit written comments on the ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT BILL [B31-2018]. The Bill is accessible at: www.parliament.gov.za

The Bill seeks: To amend the Electronic Communications Act, 2005, so as to provide for transformation of the sector through enforcement of broad-based black economic empowerment • To provide for lowering of cost of communications, reducing infrastructure duplications and encouraging service-based competition through a wireless open access network service • To provide a new framework for rapid deployment of electronic communications facilities • To provide for new approaches on scarce resources such as spectrum, including the assignment of high-demand spectrum on open access principles • To create a new framework for open access • To provide for the regulation of international roaming, including SADC roaming to ensure regulated roaming costs, quality of service and transparency • To provide for regular market definition and review to ensure effective competition • To provide for improved quality of services, including for persons with disabilities • To provide for consumer protection of different types of end-users and subscribers, including persons and institutions • To provide for enhanced co-operation between the National Consumer Commission and the Authority, as well as the Competition Commission and the Authority; and • To provide for matters connected therewith.

Written submissions must be addressed to: The Portfolio Committee on Telecommunications and Postal Services, P.O. Box 15, Cape Town 8000, for attention: Ms Hajiera Salie or be emailed to: hsalie@parliament.gov.za and must reach Parliament by no later than 20 November 2018 at 16:00. In addition to written submissions, kindly indicate if you would like to make an oral submission.

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