

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE NOTICE

TO: ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE LICENSEES

URGENT

RE: SIM REGISTRATION PROCESS

DATE: 07 APRIL 2017

Dear Licensees,

We refer to the above captioned matter and recent media articles on the SIM registration process. The Communications Regulatory of Namibia (CRAN) herewith provides the following explanation on the official status of this process:

1. Part 6 of chapter V of the Communications Act sets out the legal provisions for the registration of SIM cards in Namibia. Please note however, that the said section is not yet implemented due to the fact there is a set of regulatory instruments that MICT and CRAN, need to finalize, which are pertinent to the implementation of the SIM registration process. We can confirm, however, that CRAN and MICT are currently engaged in high level discussions aimed at finalizing these regulatory instruments.
2. Upon finalisation, CRAN will embark on a national consultative process, aimed at consulting the public, licensees and all stakeholders on the envisaged SIM registration process. Thereafter, all comments and input will be duly considered and the Minister of ICT will then make a final decision whether to commence the relevant section of the Act, which will enable SIM registration.
3. We would like to unambiguously state that SIM Registration is a legal process to which the Communications Act attaches legal formalities. It is neither a voluntary nor a commercial process that licensees may

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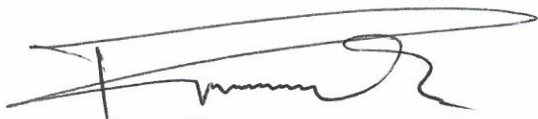
embark on without the relevant enabling legal and regulatory framework.

In the premise, Licensees are herewith directed not to embark on any SIM registration process until the above consultation is finalised and the relevant sections of the Act have been duly commenced by the Minister of ICT and a formal communication and notice in this regard is given accordingly.

Any queries or clarifications may be forwarded to Ms. Emilia Nghikembua, Head Legal Advice at enghikembua@cran.na or cell: 081 1425 836.

We trust for your cooperation in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Festus K. Mbandeka', written over a horizontal line.

**FESTUS K. MBANDEKA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**