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**South Africa  
and  
India**

**Memorandum of Understanding on mutual cooperation in telecommunications between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of South Africa. New Delhi, 9 December 1998**

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**Afrique du Sud  
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Inde**

**Mémorandum d'accord entre le Gouvernement de la République de l'Inde et le Gouvernement de la République sud-africaine relatif à la coopération mutuelle en matière de télécommunications. New Delhi, 9 décembre 1998**

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[ ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS ]

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON MUTUAL COOPERATION  
IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
BETWEEN  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
AND  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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The Government of Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter jointly referred to as the Parties and in the singular, as a Party) desiring to strengthen cooperation between that countries, hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1**

The Parties shall encourage the undertaking of joint participation for mutual benefits in the field of telecommunications and shall take steps to further develop the ongoing technical and scientific co-operation to ensure the improvement and development of new communications technology.

**Article 2**

The Parties shall exchange information and expertise in the field of telecommunications and shall co-operate in the development of telecommunications.

**Article 3**

The Parties shall promote educational and scientific co-operation in the field of Telecommunications, including participation in joint projects, exchanges of visiting lecturers, scientists of delegations between academic, scientific and other appropriate institutions, as well as Government agencies and business firms.

#### Article 4

The Parties shall explore the opportunities of joint manufacturing and marketing in both the countries. Such Joint Ventures must be entered into through separate agreements between the respective institutions of the two countries.

#### Article 5

The Parties shall co-operate and develop training facilities to strengthen skilled manpower in the field of telecommunications including establishment of training institutions.

#### Article 6

The Parties shall strive to develop Research & Development capabilities with the co-operation of Department of Telecommunications of Republic of India and Department of Communications of the Republic of South Africa.

#### Article 7

The Parties shall identify possible areas of mutual co-operation through consultation and study visits. The Parties shall work towards making this Memorandum of Understanding, a success.

#### Article 8

All activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to the respective domestic laws and budgetary considerations of the Parties.

#### Article 9

- (1) At any time, either of the Party may suggest to the other Party any amendments to this Memorandum of Understanding. Direct consultation between the Parties regarding amendments and agenda shall commence no later than 60 days from the day of transmittal of the written notification to that effect by one Party to the other Party.

- (2) Any amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding shall be effected in writing by way of Exchange of Notes between the appropriate diplomatic channel.

#### Article 10

The Department of Telecommunications / Ministry of Communications of the Government of the Republic of India and the Department of Communications of the Republic of South Africa shall be responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of their respective Governments.

#### Article 11

The Parties shall establish a Joint Working Committee as the appropriate forum for achieving the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding. The Joint working Committee shall meet alternately in the Republic of India and the Republic of South Africa, annually or at such interval as deemed appropriate by the Parties to formulate and review programmes of co-operation.

#### Article 12

- (1) Any difference of opinion regarding the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled through mutual consultation between the two Departments.
- (2) In the event that the Departments do not agree on a solution, the matter shall be settled through diplomatic channels.

#### Article 13

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signature thereof and shall continue to remain in force for a period of five years unless it is terminated by either party by giving six months notice in writing of its intention to terminate it.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being authorized by their Governments have signed and sealed this Memorandum of Understanding, in two originals in the Hindi and English languages, both text being equally authentic. In case of any doubt, the English text shall prevail.

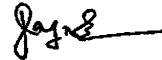
Signed at New Delhi on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 1998.



For the Government of the  
Republic of South Africa

**(JAY NAIDOO)**

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& Broadcasting



For the Government of the  
Republic of India

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