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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

ON

**COOPERATION IN INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY**

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of India (hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties" and individually referred to as a "Party");

CONSIDERING the development of a positive relationship between both countries, evidenced by high-level visits, which indicate the mutual interest in the promotion of stronger ties in Information and Communications Technology (hereinafter referred to as "ICT");

DESIRING to develop and strengthen industrial, technological and commercial cooperation between both countries in the ICT sector;

RECOGNISING the need to promote substantial links in the ICT sector between both countries with a view to maximize the existing abilities and opportunities of both countries;

CONSIDERING that both countries are currently pursuing research and technology activities in a number of areas of common interest and that further participation in each other's research and development activities on a basis of equality and reciprocity will provide mutual benefits;

RECOGNISING the potential for intensive trade between both countries in the ICT sector;

ACKNOWLEDGING the need to promote co-operation in the the filed of ICT between the Parties with a view to leveraging capabilities and opportunities on both sides;

RESOLVING to undertake a sustained effort to promote, facilitate and support joint ventures, joint initiatives and markets of the ICT sector;

HAVE REACHED the following understanding:

ARTICLE 1

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be-

- (a) in the case of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services; and
- (b) in the case of the Republic of India, the Department of Electronics and Information Technology.

ARTICLE 2

AREAS OF COOPERATION

The areas of cooperation between the Parties are, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) intensify cooperation among private and public entities of both countries;
- (b) enhance cooperation for promotion of electronics hardware manufacturing and IT embedded Software industry;
- (c) strengthening research and development collaboration in the ICT sector;
- (d) cooperation in Human Resources Development for IT education and IT enabled education;
- (e) exchange of expertise in the field of Quality Assurance of Software Applications and Services;

- (f) exchange of expertise in the fields of E-commerce and Information Security;
- (g) exchange of expertise in the field of Electronic Governance;
- (h) exploring third country markets;
- (i) joint organization of technical workshops, seminars, study tours and training sessions, joint working groups in the field of ICT; and
- (j) other areas as mutually agreed upon in writing by the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 3

FUNDING AND RESOURCES

- (1) The conduct of cooperative activities shall be subject to availability of funds and other resources of the Parties.
- (2) The cost of cooperative activities shall be shared in a manner to be mutually agreed upon in writing by the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 4

IMPLEMENTATION

- (1) This Memorandum of Understanding shall be implemented through a Joint Working Group on Information Technology (hereinafter referred to as "JWG") composed of representatives of both Parties.
- (2) The structure of the JWG will be established by a mutual agreement between the Parties conveniently on a date before the first meeting of the JWG is organized.