



THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

MTC recognises and values the role of the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) in the industry and is supportive of principles of the Communications Act, which commenced in May 2011.

During this financial year under review CRAN has made great strides in the industry, which impacted MTC's operations as follows:

- Regulations prescribing National Numbering Plan of 1 April 2016 with an obligation for payment of all Active SIM cards of N\$1 each. With MTC's approximately 2.5 million subscribers the obligation has a great effect on Operational Costs.

- The new telecommunication licensee, Demshi Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd was awarded with a numbering license on 27 September 2016, MTC welcomes and believes that further competition in the market can only be to the consumer's advantage.

- Number Portability implementation is imminent and should be implemented within the next financial year.

MTC remains committed and supportive of the mandate of the CRAN and trusts that as the Regulator grows, speed to approval of applications will also improve.

