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B OVERVIEW OF THE NCC'S ACTIVITIES

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Obtained Government approval for opening of an own bank account to pay revenue into in view of the separation from Government once the draft communications bill is enacted.
- ❖ Achieved revenue target for the financial year
- ❖ Granting of VSAT licenses to Embassies
- ❖ NCC operational headquarters finished in September 2003 and inaugurated by the Hon. Nangolo Mbumba on 6 October 2003
- ❖ Final stakeholders workshop on the draft communications bill was held on 24 July 2003
- ❖ Draft communications bill was submitted to the Cabinet Committee on Legislation (CCL)
- ❖ Amendments to the Namibian Communications Commission Act was finalised to make provision for a tendering process for the second cellular licence to be issued

❖ **Interconnection Issues**

No interconnection issues was handled

❖ **Frequency Spectrum Issues**

Implementing the approved 30 - 3000 MHz SADC Regional Band Plan.

❖ **Numbering / Standards Issues**

No numbering or standards issues were handled

❖ **Personnel : Training and Capacity Building**

Personnel received training via regional and international workshops attended

C **TECHNICAL ASPECTS**

❖ **Operations of Regulator : Licensing, Consumer issues, Legal matters**

❖ **Licenses Issued**

The NCC was very actively busy issuing licenses for private radio communications, radio and television broadcasting and telecommunications operators.

❖ **Legal Matters**

The draft Communications Bill was submitted to the Cabinet Committee on Legislation for approval to submit to Cabinet

❖ **Number of Fixed Networks**

One, being the national operator.

❖ **Number of mobile Networks**

One, being Mobile Telecommunications Limited, which shareholding changed with Government taking up the 49 % held by Swedish companies.

A closing date for tenders for the second cellular license will close in August 2004

❖ **Internet service Providers**

At this stage ISP's is not licensed in Namibia.

❖ **Statistics**

Subscribers : Telecom Namibia : Dell's: 127 380

MTC : 250 000

Interesting to note that the mobile penetration has overtaken the fixed line numbers of the national operator. This tendency is due to the pre-pay service offered by the mobile operator.

Tariff Trends :

The National Operator has committed itself to tariff re- balancing and have not increased the prices of national and international calls

❖ **Future Plans**

As mentioned the Communications Bill is in its final stages of approval and once promulgated the present Regulator will cease to exist and a new autonomous Authority will be put into place via a selection procedure and criteria prescribed in the Act.

The new Authority will then have to establish itself, regulatory guidelines, rulemaking procedures have to be set in a transparent manner. This period will be very much challenging.

D SADC GUIDELINES / MODELS

The SADC Model Legislation has been incorporated into the draft Communications Bill for Namibia.

Once the bill is promulgated all SADC Guidelines will be incorporated as regulations under of the bill.