



EXHIBIT CC 20

STATEMENT & ANNEXURES

OF

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**JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF STATE CAPTURE,
CORRUPTION AND FRAUD IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR INCLUDING ORGANS OF STATE**

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**IN THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF STATE
CAPTURE, CORRUPTION AND FRAUD IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR
INCLUDING ORGANS OF STATE ("THE COMMISSION")**

STATEMENT

I, the undersigned,

LAWRENCE ROY KRUGER

hereby state as follows:

1. I am an adult male South African citizen.
2. The content of this statement is true and correct and falls within my own personal knowledge, unless the contrary clearly appears from the context or is otherwise stated.
3. I have been approached by investigators associated with the Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Fraud and Corruption in the Public Sector and certain Organs of State ("the Commission") and have been requested to provide a statement which details my dealings with the South African Broadcasting Corporation ("SABC"), the Department of Communications ("DoC"), and what has become known as the Broadcasting Digital Migration ("BDM") project.



4. I have agreed to provide this statement as well as evidence to the Commission freely and voluntarily.

MY BACKGROUND AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

5. I'm currently based in Maputo, where I am the Project Manager for the rollout and implementation of the Mozambique National Analog to Digital Broadcasting migration process.
6. I have been in Mozambique for the past year 2018/19 and the project is in the final stages of completion.
7. I was a member of the SAIETE (SA Institute for Electrical and Technical Engineers, now integrated into SAIEE) as well as a member of the Computer Society of SA and completed a four year Electrical Engineering qualification at Telkom SA, with specialist subjects in Digital Electronics, Telecommunications, Avionic Computers and Missile technologies.
8. I have extensive Technical, Management and Business Development experience gained over a period of 40 years in the fields of Telecommunications, Broadcasting and Data communications.
9. I also have a full Diploma in Financial Management and Project Management.
10. I attach my CV hereto as Annexure **LRK001**.



11. Over the years, I worked for the following companies:

BCX Networks Ltd. (Nigeria)

12. I was the Managing Director during the period June 2007– Dec 2011 (end of contract). My responsibilities included:

- 12.1 Set up company from Greenfield status in Nigeria;
- 12.2 Technology and Product Strategy , specialising in Data, Mobile and Fixed Telecommunications (NGN and legacy networks);
- 12.3 Designed first integrated Satellite and Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) broadcasting network for Nigcomsat (Nigerian Satellite Company); and
- 12.4 Designed major Emergency Services (911 type) Network for Nigerian Government.

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- 13.3 Network rollout and planning for CDMA2000 1X EV/DO network in Northern Ghana; and
- 13.4 Implementing model to role out “Triple Play” services (Voice, Video and Data) to AVS Mobile subscribers.

MTS First Wireless (Nigeria)

- 14. I served as an Executive General Manager – Data and Transmission Services, June 2004 – May 2005 (one year contract).
- 15. I was directly responsible for the daily operations of the Data and Transmission Services Division (CDMA2000 1X/ EV-DO Cellular Mobile Network + SDH STM16/DWDM Fiber Optic Network, Microwave and Base station sites).
- 16. In addition, I also worked on:
 - 16.1 Designing and Project Management of Long Distance Fiber Optic Backbone Transmission Network (STM -16) for Nigerian National Network rollout;
 - 16.2 Design and Implement Internet Service Provider (ISP) Network using VSAT's and terrestrial networks;



- 16.3 National Network rollout for 10m plus mobile subscribers; and
- 16.4 Implementation of Radio Based Network (CDMA and TDMA for Wireless Local Loop).

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 - 17.1 Directed the daily running of the Customer Service Operations for 4 Group Companies i.e. Dimension Data, Causeway Communications, Lattice Technologies and Advanced Cabling.
 - 17.2 Designed and Installed the first Satellite based Internet connection in Zambia at the Zambian University.
 - 17.3 Designed Microwave, Satellite (VSAT Based) and SDH/PDH Based Networks for customers as well as TV and Radio Broadcast systems.
 - 17.4 Designed VSAT network for Sentech for distribution of broadcasting information (Radio and TV) for their customers.

SA DIGITAL MIGRATION PROJECT

- 18. During the period January 2012 – July 2014, I was employed by the



Department of Communications (DoC) as a Technical Advisor to Minister of Communications (Ms Dina Pule and then later to Mr. Yunus Carrim).

19. My services were in relation to the Digital Terrestrial TV (DTT) project rollout for South Africa, including serving as a Broadband project leader for the DoC.
20. As a core part of my duties it was my role to ensure that the Minister and other departments directly under the Ministers control all understood what the DTT project was about.
21. In essence the project , called the Broadcast Digital Migration (BDM) project, is about converting all “old” analog TV and Radio transmission/transmitter equipment to the latest digital broadcasting equipment.
22. There are a number of reasons to convert to a digital format for broadcasting of which the following are the main reasons:
 - 22.1 Digital broadcasts are highly efficient in the use of frequency spectrum due to compression techniques used in the broadcast of the TV/Radio data stream.
 - 22.2 The compression techniques allow for as many as 6 or more digital channels to fit into 1 analog channel thereby allowing much of the frequency table used by analog transmissions to be freed up...the “freed up” frequencies are generally called the “digital dividend”.



- 22.3 The digital dividend frequencies are part of the frequencies that mobile operators are requesting to allow them to introduce newer technologies e.g. 5G and to expand existing 4G networks to areas which do not currently have these higher speed networks in place.
- 22.4 By implementing the BDM the digital dividend frequencies can be released immediately (as per policy rules) for use by mobile and other telecommunications operators.
- 22.5 Digital TV broadcasts also produce much higher quality signals and ensure that viewers see only 100% perfect picture quality (no more “snowing” or “ghosting” on your screen as experienced with analog broadcasting).
23. One of the requirements of Digital broadcasting technology is that every viewer requires a Set Top Box/Decoder to receive the digital signals.
24. The SA Government decided to provide +-5 million Set Top Boxes (STB's) to poor households, at no cost, to ensure that the majority of the population can receive TV and radio signals on all TV sets irrespective how old the units are.
25. Other useful functions of the STB control system are:
- 25.1 the capability of send information to citizens based on location criteria and local language criteria, an example is an approaching catastrophic weather storm in a certain area;



- 25.2 viewers can be warned in the local language which they understand and be prepared for any emergency situation; or
- 25.3 the government has an election, general or local, then viewers can be sent information individually or location based regarding the election requirements or where the polling stations are located etc.
26. On my arrival at the Department of Communications (DOC) in January 2012 I read some documents relating to a tender which had been issued by the SABC requesting companies to bid for a Set Top Box (STB) control system.

STB CONTROL SYSTEM

27. A STB control system is in essence a computer which has a number of functions which include , among others, the capability to control STB's by being able to "disable or switch on/off" a STB. The reason for disabling STBs are many for e.g. a stolen STB can be disabled, a non-paying subscriber can be "switched off".
28. Disabling the STB also stops the unit from functioning in/on foreign networks.
29. The above functionality has always been part of the DoC policy documentation and the SABS standard for STB's. I attach hereto as Annexure **LRK002**, presentations on the functionality of DTT.




30. However, in my opinion, initially the SABC, subsequently ETV, Regional Community TV Stations and many other qualified experts one of the critical capabilities of the STB Control system is that of Encryption.

ENCRYPTION

31. Encryption is the function of “scrambling” data. In this case , the TV/Radio signal to prevent unauthorised “tapping/copying” of TV and Radio programs owned by the SABC and other companies using the network.
32. Encryption also prevents any terrorist/sabotage groups from intercepting frequencies and inserting propaganda onto the network and causing mayhem.
33. Today it is common practice for most technologies using networks to be fully encrypted e.g. WhatsApp, YouTube, emails etc and many DTT networks are now incorporating STB control systems for the above reasons and other network requirements which STB control system can provide e.g. Mozambique, Namibia, Mauritius, Kenya.

SENTECH STB CONTROL SYSTEM

34. On further investigation, by myself, I found out that Sentech (the Government owned TV and Radio signal distributor) already had a STB control system in place and fully operational and working with trained staff. The reason they had the STB control system was that STBs were being
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stolen and sold in Botswana where, prior to Sentech purchasing a STB control system, citizens of Botswana were watching SABC and eTV programs for “free”.

35. The Botswana government took Sentech to court and Sentech were fined +-R74 million. To solve the problem, under the then CEO Dr Setumo Mohapi, Sentech purchased a STB control system to encrypt all TV/Radio signals and hence users in Botswana could no longer view SABC and eTV programs.
36. On or about March 2012, I then wrote a memo to Minister Dina Pule stating that a tender issued by SABC was actually not required as Sentech already had a system which they were prepared to incorporate into the DTT network for use in controlling STBs and providing encryption.
37. Initially the SABC technical team and management agreed to Sentech providing STB control in the DTT network and agreements were drawn up by Sentech indicating costs, responsibilities etc for use of the STB control system.
38. The SABC and eTV were on the verge of signing the agreements with Sentech when all of a sudden the Acting COO of the SABC, Hlaudi Motsoeneng (Mr Motsoeneng), decided that the SABC would no longer require STB control.
39. This was a “shock” to the DoC technical team as the project was already so



far behind schedule and this announcement would delay the project further.

MULTICHOICE

40. On investigating the reason for the SABC cancelling their support of the STB control system it turned out that Mr Motsoeneng had signed an agreement with Multichoice in which Multichoice “banned” the SABC from using a STB control system on the DTT network.
41. Among the reasons Multichoice was providing and had also convinced Mr Motsoeneng was that by providing a STB control system would render the SABC TV channels as no longer “Free To Air”; supposedly meaning that all SA citizens would have to pay to watch TV. My view is that this was absolute rubbish as all Free To Air (FTA) channels are just that – free to air and hence no viewers of FTA channels have to pay to watch.
42. An STB control system is 100% transparent to all viewers, e.g. Multichoice’s network is fully encrypted, as a subscriber your viewing is not affected or interrupted at all by encryption. Encryption is just to protect the network and the data traveling on the network.
43. The conclusion that the DOC project team, which consisted of etv and SABC technical staff was that Multichoice did not want another Pay TV channel operator in SA. (A STB control system allows for Pay TV operators to run on the system, which eTV or any other operator as per the BDM policy document allows to use the STB control system at a cost determined by



Sentech).

44. Minister Yunus Carrim set up a forum to try and get all parties to agree to using a STB control system or come to a consensus as to how to run the SA DTT network according to the existing SA Policy document.
45. Multichoice and then supported by Mr Motsoeneng opposed all suggestions of STB control in the DTT network.
46. The DoC received letters of support and “go ahead” on the use of the Sentech STB control system from both the then GCEO, Ms Lulama Mokhobo and then Chairman Ms Ellen Tshabalala.
47. However, a change of Ministers again put the STB control system further in dispute when Minister Faith Mutambi with full support from Mr Motsoeneng decided to go against the government and ANC recommendations that a STB control system be implemented in the DTT network.

CONCLUSION

48. In short, in my opinion, a STB control system is needed in the DTT network to protect any suppliers/owners of copyright information and to prevent any terrorist/propaganda infiltration onto the DTT network.
49. The STB control system also allows the government and other operators to provide information to remote viewers who would otherwise never receive



this information e.g. how to apply for ID documents , Visas, Passports etc..

50. This is all I wish to state and accordingly reserve my rights to provide further documents to the Commission as and when they may become available or come into my possession and insofar as they may be relevant to the investigation.

Dated and signed at GEORGE on this the 21 of August 2019.



LAWRENCE ROY KRUGER

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Synopsis on CV of



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Personal Attributes: Integrity, Honesty, Hard work ethic, Knowledge, Enthusiasm and Self Confidence.

Strengths

Advantages

Business Experience

Full Financial, Planning and Business comprehension relating to running Profitable and Successful business ventures. Sales and Presentation skills.

Business Principals

Contract negotiation skills, **Supplier negotiations**, Budgeting, Planning.(P&L) The Ability to Analyse business processes and requirements. Process Implementation Skills.

Technical Background

Solid knowledge relating to all aspects of Electrical, Electronic, **Data and Networking, Telecommunications**, and **Broadcasting** Technologies. Understanding the practicalities in using Technology to achieve success in Business.

People Dev/Leadership skills

"Driving"/Leading people to achieve, Goal Setting, understanding of the need to succeed .. The ability to work with a company's non technical/administrative constituencies.

Roy is a South African citizen.

He was a member of the **SAIETE** (SA Institute for Electrical and Technical Engineers- now integrated into SAIEE) as well as a member of the **Computer Society of SA** and completed a four year Electrical Engineering qualification with specialist subjects in Digital Electronics, **Telecommunications**, Avionic Computers and Missile technologies.

Roy has extensive **Management and Business Development** experience and gained a full **Diploma in Financial Management** and has also completed a **Certified** course in **Project Management**. Roy's experience and knowledge has been gained over a period of more than 25 years in both **Senior Management** and Technical positions in the highly competitive industry of Information, Communications and Technology (ICT).

Lawrence Roy Kruger

Professional Experience

Currently – Mozambique Digital Migration Project – Aug 2018 to current

Department of Communications – SA – Jan 2012 to June 2014

Technical Advisor to Minister of Communications

- *Digital Terrestrial TV project rollout for SA*
- *Broadband project leader for DoC*

BCX Networks Ltd. (Nigeria)

Managing Director June 2007– Dec 2011 (end of contract)

Set strategy for BCX in the Nigerian Marketplace

- Financial integrity, Strategy and Budget control of company
- Set up company from Greenfield status in Nigeria
- Technology and Product Strategy , specialising in Data, Mobile and Fixed Telecommunications (**NGN and legacy networks**)
- People Management and Control
- Designed first integrated Satellite and DTT broadcasting network for Nigcomsat (Nigerian Satellite Company)
- Designed major Emergency Services (911 type) Network for Nigerian Government
- Ensured that BCX achieved a Cisco "Gold" status certification

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Managing Director June 2005 – May 2007

Set strategy for three group companies i.e. Telecommunications Solutions (ISP, Products, Services) Company, CDMA operator company, TV Broadcasting company (Independent TV)

- Financial integrity and Budget control of company
- Strategic Technical and Business expansion planning
- Designed DTT network for Ghana Broadcasting Company.
- Network rollout and planning for CDMA2000 1X EV/DO network in Northern Ghana
- Development of Business Models re: ISP rollout, Network expansion and TV subscriber base
- Implementing model to role out "Triple Play" services to AVS Mobile subscribers
- Implementing WiMax network rollout strategy.
- Interconnectivity contract negotiations
- Board Member

MTS First Wireless (Nigeria)

Executive General Manager – Data and Transmission Services, June 2004 – May 2005 (one year contract)

Direct– daily operations of the Data and Transmission Services Division (CDMA2000 1X/ EV-DO Cellular Mobile Network + SDH STM16/DWDM Fiber Optic Network, Microwave and Base station sites)

- Quality of Service Control for Cellular Network rollout (Installation, Maintenance and Operations)

- Designing and Project Management of Long Distance Fiber Optic Backbone Transmission Network (STM -16) for Nigerian National Network rollout
- Design and Implement Internet Service Provider (ISP) Network using VSAT's and terrestrial networks
- Manage and set up Budgets (P&L)
- National Network rollout for 10m plus, subscribers
- Manage and Control Suppliers of Technology Products
- Plan Microwave rollout for Base Station interconnection
- Introduced the implementation of new services onto the network i.e. Wireless IP network based on 802.16 and 802.20 standards.
- Design and implement VOIP networks (Private and Origination and Termination systems)
- Project management of Base station rollout and ongoing maintenance of base stations.
- Implementation of Radio Based Network (CDMA and TDMA for Wireless Local Loop)
- MSC/BSC/PDSN/BTS statistics monitoring and system capacity planning
- Implement and plan latest Press To Talk (PTT) technologies
- Negotiating of Interconnection contracts between operator

Rodoga Impact Designs

Head – Technical Division, Jan 2002 – June 2004

- Direct daily operations of the Product Development Division
- Design Wireless Integration (802.11a,b,g)systems for use in cellular networks (Wireless Hot Spots) and WiMax Broadband network design.
- Design and implement VOIP networks (Private and Origination / Termination systems)
- Set up manufacturing facility for production of Cellular Integrated Telephone and WIFI Booths
- Installation and design of all TV and Radio broadcasting systems for consumers (DSTV, Top TV satellite systems).
- Manage and set up Budgets
- Design of CDMA Wireless Local Loop for FWA systems (Airspan Networks)
- Technical presentations to clients
- Manage and Control Suppliers of Technology Products
- Liaise with clients regarding product enhancements and additional requirements.
- Network designing of LAN,WAN, WLAN and VOIP systems

Getronics SA

Divisional Director – Network Integration, March 2000 – Dec 2001

- Directed daily operations of the Network Division - Sales and Technical
- Attend Board meetings – to **set company Strategy/Goals** etc
- Full involvement of all strategic expansion planning, cash management, financial audits, statement analysis, inventory control, marketing surveys, new product roll outs, advertising and sales functions.

- Meeting budgeted income targets in terms of turnover but more importantly in meeting revenue margins.
- Design Approval of Data Networks for customers
- Design of Voice Networks (VOIP and traditional PABX systems and Switches)
- Managed income budget of R170 million p/a
- Developed business models for "Outsourcing" of customers IT and Network divisions.
- Implemented a "Centre of Excellence" within Getronics .

Dimension Data (pty) Ltd.

National Technical Director, June 1990 – October 1999

- Directed the daily running of the **Customer Service Operations** for 4 Group Companies i.e. Dimension Data, Causeway Communications, Lattice Technologies and Advanced Cabling.
- Attend Board meetings – to **set company Strategy/Goals** etc..
- Develop Business Models re: IT vs Networking.
- Developed operations policies, customer service standards, action plans, and corporate standards.
- Implementing Business Processes (Workflow, Change Management etc.)
- Initiated Dimension Data's drive into Africa in the early 1990's by campaigning in Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Israel, Mozambique, Kenya, Swaziland, Lesotho and Botswana doing technical presentations regarding the latest technologies at that time , including, Microwave, Satellite systems, Transmission and Data communication systems.
- Designed and Installed the first **Satellite** based Internet connection in Zambia at the Zambian University.
- Designed Microwave, Satellite (VSAT Based) and SDH/PDH Based Networks for customers as well as TV and Radio Broadcast systems.
- **Negotiated strategic acquisition** in 1994, of a specialist company providing expertise in Radio and Satellite technologies, a direction and objective of Dimension Data's longer term goal of getting into the Telecommunications arena. This company became known as Dimension Data Telecommunications
- Authorise final Technology portfolios for different group companies (Products sold by each company)
- Responsible for an income revenue budget of R120 million with full P&L control.

Roy's expertise and experience is as follows but is not limited to:

Technical Background:

Network design and Implementation of Satellite based networks using VSAT's, (TDMA, FDM, and DAMA systems – Comstream, Hughes, STM Wireless, Gilat) using C, KU and KA frequency bands, **SDH and PDH transmission systems** up to STM-256 level. **DWDM's** (Dense Wave Division Muxes).

Transmission networks including all aspects of radio technology including **Microwave systems(IP Based and Std SDH/PDH systems (NEC, Harris and Nera)**

TDM- Time Division Multiplexors, X.25, Frame Relay and ATM based technologies.

Digital Radio systems including -: Microwave networks, Wireless Local Loops (WLL) using TDMA, DECT, Blue Tooth technology, FH-CDMA and SS-CDMA systems. All BWA radio access network types

Wireless LAN's, Digital Radio Modems using both CDMA and TDMA access methods.

Mobile GSM network design including microwave and tower installations.

Radio optimisation for mobile access networks.

Mobile CDMA2000 1X, EV-DO and EV-DV system integration (450Mhz, 800Mhz, 1900Mhz and 2100Mhz); NGN and Softswitch systems.

Fibre Optic networks using FTTC (Fibre To The Curb) and FTTH (Fibre To The Home) and Digital Loop Systems using fibre optic, copper and radio systems.

Implementation of the latest "Press To Talk" over cellular networks from Kodiak network systems.

Customer Data network design using Multiprotocol Routers and Switches (Cisco, 3Com, Newbridge)

Frame Relay switches, modems (HDSL, ADSL and VDSL) for WAN's (Wide Area Networks) and

LAN's (Local Area Networks) and using Ethernet, FDDI, and Token Ring topologies as well as running

ATM, G/MPLS and IP protocols. Intelligent wiring Hub systems for buildings.

Designing of Networks for "Intelligent Buildings and Office Parks"

Data security systems on Firewalls, Intrusion Detection, Anti-Virus etc. Encryption systems for use

on leased line applications using the latest encryption standards allowable on private networks.

Setting up of large **Call Centres (Cisco, Avaya and Nortel)** with associated technology (ACD's,

IIVR's, VOIP, CRM) and Business Processes.

In terms of **Broadcasting** systems, both Digital and Analogue terrestrial and satellite based networks

have been designed and implemented in UHF and VHF bands. Network design of DVB-T and DVB-T2

TV broadcasting networks in West Africa. Over The Top (OTT) broadcasting networks for TV and

Radio operators. The integration of **Voice, Video and Data** networks with extensive experience on

PABX networking and the latest Voice over IP switches and VOIP Originate/Terminate techniques.

Video Conferencing systems design.

MMDS and LMDS networks for distribution of Data, Voice and TV signals over terrestrial radio based

networks, specifically for MDU(Multi Dwelling Units) and MTU(Multi Tenant Units).

Video conferencing and Interactive Distance Learning Systems using both terrestrial and satellite

technologies and **IP streaming techniques**.

Network design and a full understanding of **GSM , DECT, TDMA, CDMA(W-CDMA and CDMA 2000 1X EVDO systems)** techniques used in both mobile and fixed radio networks.

802.16 (Wimax)/802.20 systems design using iBurst wireless IP technology.

Latest hybrid 802.16/802.11 systems for internet radio access systems.

Theoretical knowledge of LTE systems.

Fully Microsoft conversant i.e Operating Systems and Microsoft Office packages including

Microsoft Project.

References:

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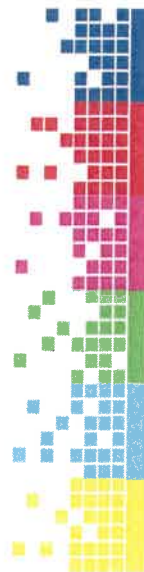
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Digital Migration in South Africa 2012



Why Digital Migration

The International Telecommunications Union (ITU) ruled that analogue television frequencies will not be protected from signal interference from other countries (neighbours) and new services after June 2015

The Reason:

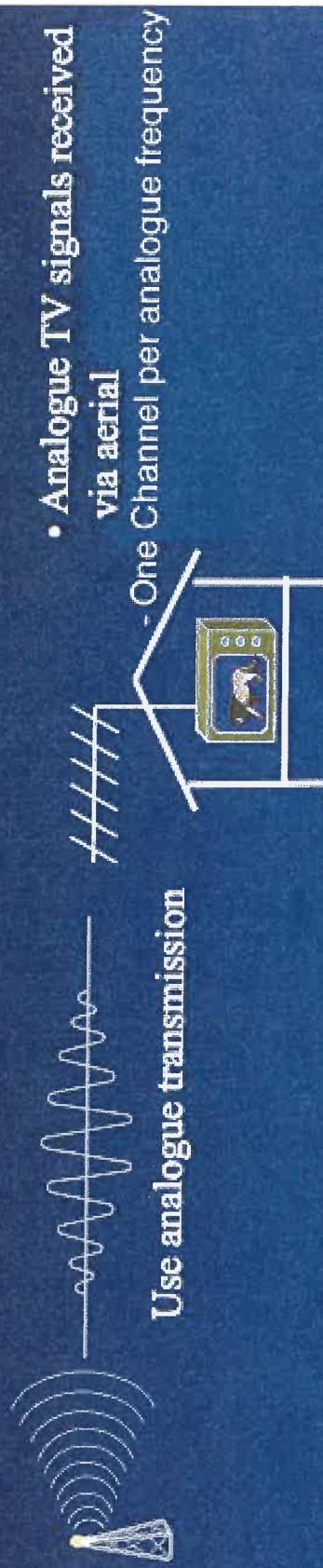
- To free up valuable frequency spectrum which will become available when converting existing Analogue TV to Digital TV.
- New services (including new mobile services e.g. TV) and Broadband Wireless Networks will be able to use these frequencies.
- These newly available frequencies are often called:

The Digital Dividend

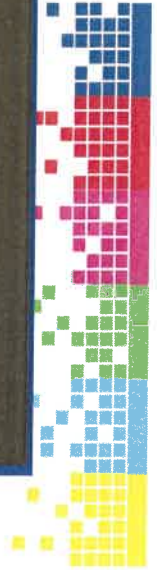
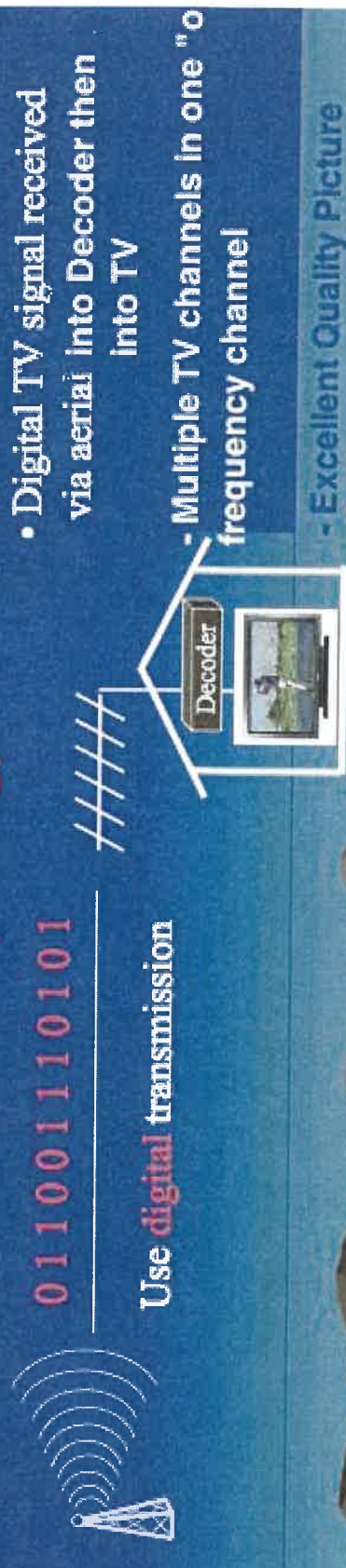


What is DTT ?

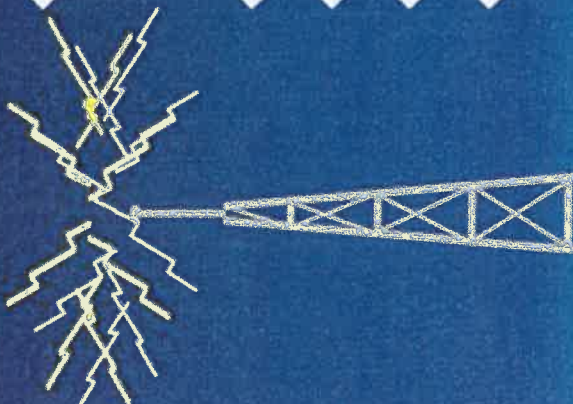
Analogue Terrestrial Television (Existing)



Digital Terrestrial Television (Coming)



BENEFITS OF DTT

- 
- ◆ Improved reception and picture quality
 - ◆ Support new services like high definition television (HDTV) and multimedia / interactive services
 - ◆ Carry more content in one channel
 - ◆ Support mobile / portable reception
 - ◆ Better use of frequency spectrum
 - ◆ Release valuable frequency spectrum for other uses after full migration from analogue to digital broadcasting



Set Top Boxes

- To use the Digital Terrestrial TV a Set Top Box (STB) is required to convert the Digital Signal back to an Analogue signal for Existing older TV sets to understand the digital information.
- SA will manufacture the STB's locally to ensure that the electronics industry is re-invigorated and that new and more jobs are created by this initiative as well as introducing new SMME's to the electronics manufacturing arena.
- Manufacturers will be chosen after a rigorous selection process consisting of an RFI followed by an RFP.
- Manufactured STB's will then go through a Conformance test at the SABS where an International Standards testing process is followed to ensure that the STB's conform to all the SA standards as laid down by the SABS and DOC are met.
- The conformance testing will ensure that only SABS approved STB's are supported in the SA Market and hence maintain a high quality rate standard.
- All SABS approved STB's will carry the SABS quality mark as well as the "Go Digital" logo from the DOC to ensure conformity throughout SA.
- The quality marks will also provide confidence to users and buyers of the STB's.



