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Dear Sirs,

RE: REDELEGATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ccTLD (.za)

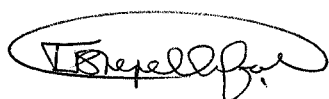
The Department of Communications of the South African Government initiated and has subsequently been tasked with responsibility for implementation of the South African Electronic Communications and Transactions Act.

As part of its responsibility, the Department of Communications has assisted in the formation of the .za Domain Name Authority and continues to work closely with the .za Domain Name Authority.

The Department concurs with the .za Domain Name Authority's request for re-delegation and confirms –

- The Department's agreement that the South African Government, the current .za administrator and the local community are ready for re-delegation of the South African ccTLD to the .za Domain Name Authority;
- The legislation was passed after a lengthy public consultation process, including the publishing of a discussion document and soliciting comment thereon, the holding of a public policy colloquium, the publishing of the draft legislation and soliciting public comment thereon and the holding of public hearings. There were some criticisms of both the suggestions and the process, however the openness of the process is indicated by the fact that extensive amendments were effected to the legislation during this process and in particular from time of publication of the draft legislation until the time that the legislation was finally passed by Parliament.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a hand-drawn oval. The signature appears to read 'L. Shope-Mafole'.

LYNDALL SHOPE-MAFOLE
DIRECTOR GENERAL
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