IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
(GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA)

CASE NO: **008928/25**

In the matter between:

E.TV (PTY) LIMITED	First Applicant
MEDIA MONITORING AFRICA	Second Applicant
SOS SUPPORT PUBLIC BROADCASTING COALITION	Third Applicant

and

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES	First Respondent
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA	Second Respondent
SENTECH SOC LIMITED	Third Respondent
INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA	Fourth Respondent
SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION SOC LIMITED	Fifth Respondent
CAPE TOWN COMMUNITY TELEVISION	Sixth Respondent
TSHWANE COMMUNITY TELEVISION	Seventh Respondent
SOWETO COMMUNITY TELEVISION	Eighth Respondent
1KZN TV	Ninth Respondent
TRINITY BROADCASTING NETWORK	Tenth Respondent
MEDIA DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSITY AGENCY	Eleventh Respondent

CHAIRPERSON: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES	Twelfth Respondent

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SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned,

MATTHYS JOHANNES KOEN SCHUTTE

do hereby make oath and say that:

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer of LS of South Africa Radio Communication Services (Pty) Ltd **("LS South Africa").**

2. The facts contained herein fall within my personal knowledge and are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, both true and correct.

3. LS South Africa is part of the Global LS Telcom Group, a worldwide market leader in the provision of integrated spectrum management systems, providing technological services in over 90 countries. LS South Africa has been active in this industry for more than 30 years.

4. LS South Africa has worked on and/or is familiar with the maintenance and repair of analogue transmitters in South Africa.

5. I confirm that there is no reason to believe that the remaining analogue transmitters in South Africa are on the brink of collapse. On the contrary, with

proper maintenance, these transmitters are likely to remain operational for many years, and certainly until the end of a lawful and rational digital migration process.

6. Moreover, it is not correct to talk about "*catastrophic collapse*" in relation to these transmitters. If any of the transmitters for any reason becomes unable to be repaired, this would simply mean that *that* transmitter could no longer be used. It would not affect the remainder of the system.

7. In addition, the analogue transmitters in South Africa can be, and are, maintained, and even replaced if necessary, using existing spares/equipment or utilising spares/equipment from decommissioned transmitters which are already in South Africa.

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MATTHYS JOHANNES KOEN SCHUTTE

I certify that the deponent signed the affidavit in my presence and declared that the deponent knows and understands its contents, has no objection to taking the prescribed oath and considers the oath to be binding. Thus signed and sworn before me on at the address set out below.

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COMMISSIONER OF OATHS