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Dear Ms. Kula-Rantho

DEVIATION FROM THE NORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS: APPOINTMENT OF MULTIPLE SERVICE PROVIDERS

1. National Treasury acknowledges receipt of your dated 22 October 2021.

2. Your Institution is requesting approval to deviate from the normal competitive bidding process and appoint multiple service providers; (SENTECH, SITA, TELKOM, SAPO, SABC and Commercial Broadcasters) for the implementation of the Revised Integrated Analogue Switch Off (ASO) by 31 March 2022.

3. The request to deviate was recommended by the Chairperson of the Board on 22 October 2021.

4. The reasons for this deviation are that President Cyril Ramaphosa announced in the 2021 State of the Nation Address (SONA) on 11 February 2021 that the Broadcasting Digital Migration managed integrated migration programme and Cabinet approved the revised Integrated Switch-off Implementation plan. As a process of fast-tracking the analogue switch-off and ensuring that the project is fully delivered by the announced date, USAASA will work closely with SENTECH Soc (existing SLA), SABC, Commercial Broadcasters, Telkom, SAPO and SITA. USAF/USAASA will not invite competitive bids as the various role players have already been identified and will execute their roles as agreed with the Department of Communication and Digital Technologies.

5. The reasons provided for the deviation are justifiable.

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6. National Treasury supports the deviation on condition that no potential supplier is prejudiced, the selection of the recommended service provider was done within the supply chain management processes and Regulatory Framework and the cost implications are reasonable.

7. The Institution has an obligation to ensure that any contract for goods and services is in accordance with a system of procurement which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost effective.

8. This award must be published on e-tender portal.

Kind regards,

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ACTING CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER
DATE: 2021/11/16