



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **ICASA SIGNS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN BUREAU OF STANDARDS (SABS)**

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**Johannesburg** – The Acting Chairperson of the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA), Councillor Nomvuyiso Batyi and the Chief Executive of the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS), Dr Boni Mehlomakulu have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 30 March 2016 that will see the two entities collaborate on ensuring that electronic equipment entering the South African market meets the required quality-performance standards.

The influx of low quality products into the country and the risks they pose to consumers has compelled the SABS and ICASA to review the process of issuing Electromagnetic Interference/ Compatibility (EMI/EMC) Certificates of Compliance (CoCs). The Consumer Protection Act (Act No. 68 of 2008) calls for consumers' right to receive goods that comply with applicable standards set under the Standards Act.

As a result of this MoU electronic equipment (non – telecommunication) that fall under the mandate of ICASA will be subjected to robust conformity assessment procedures to ensure that such products meet the quality requirements as stipulated in the South African National Standards.

Manufacturers and importers can look forward to a transparent, predictable and efficient process in attaining EMI/EMC compliance certification.

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