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TO: Mr Davis Kgosimolao Moshweunyane (Independent Communications Authority of SA)

FROM: Joe Smit, Director: IT (Infrastructure)

RE: **SUBMISSION IN RESPECT OF THE ICT COVID-19 NATIONAL DISASTER REGULATIONS**

DATE: 7 May 2021

Stellenbosch University welcomes the invitation to provide written representation on the ICT COVID-19 National Disaster Regulations published in Government Notice 226 of April 2021.

The Covid Pandemic forced Tertiary Institutions to quickly move to online learning and now with the return of some students to classes, to blended learning. During the time that students had to stay at home, the University provided students with the special rated data bundles from the MNOs. No institution can afford to do this continuously.

Our request is simple – we need zero-rated access to all Learning Management platforms. Apart from the existing zero-rated URLs, we urgently require the use of Teams to be zero-rated. We are of the opinion that solutions can be designed between the MNOs, Tenet, Microsoft South Africa and Tertiary institution to achieve this.

We thank you for the opportunity to present this request.

Joe Smit
Director: IT (Infrastructure)