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NEW RT15-2021 MOBILE COMMUNICATION SERVICES TRANSVERSAL CONTRACT BECOMES EFFECTIVE

National Treasury has, on behalf of government, entered into a new five-year RT15-2021 transversal contract for mobile communication services, with effect from today. The new contract ensures increased competition and is envisaged to save government money while ensuring that additional services are provided. The Bid Specification/Evaluation Committees for the contract comprised of 80 members who were officials from across all Organs of State.

The contract, previously awarded to Vodacom, has now been awarded to, in no particular order, Cell C Limited, MTN (Pty) Ltd, Telkom SA SOC Ltd, and Vodacom (Pty) Ltd. The transversal contract is for uncapped data as prescribed for different categories of employees and includes mobile devices for packages from all service providers.

Uncapped data has become more important in a COVID-19 environment where many more government employees have had to rotate shifts, work virtually and at times for longer hours than previously. The pandemic has shown that data is a crucial mobile service that can allow Government to still provide its services in an abnormal environment.

All Organs of State can utilise the transversal contract. Some 450 organs of state participated in the previous contract (RT15-2016). This included 38 national departments, 99 provincial departments, 106 local government departments, and 207 other state institutions.

Awarding a transversal contract to multiple service providers is a standard aim in a transversal contract as government needs to ensure security of supply since the transversal contract is for all Organs of State.

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