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To Whom It May Concern,

Recommendation for Mr Cornelius Naidoo as Member of Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Council

This letter supports a recommendation that Mr Cornelius Naidoo, M.Sc, Pr Eng. be accepted as a member of the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) Council. This letter is in response to the "Request for Nominations" issued by Committee Secretary, Mr Thembinkosi Ngoma, Portfolio Committee on Communications, 3rd Floor, 90 Plein Street, Cape Town.

It is our belief that Mr Naidoo in his role as CoE Design Engineering Manager, Telecommunications T&S, Power Delivery-PTM&C, Eskom is an ideal candidate to serve on this Council. On a personal level, I have known him for 15 years through the international telecommunications group, Cigre and he has been open, fair and acted with utmost integrity in all his professional and personal dealings. He has worked with Utilities Telecom Council (UTC) and with European UTC for many years representing Eskom across a range of technical and business related telecommunication issues. He has an excellent understanding of the issues facing utility and mission critical industries today and the role they will play in the future economic growth of South Africa and the surrounding regions.

UTC serves as the information communications technology trade association for electric and gas utilities, water companies, energy companies, and other critical infrastructure companies – both investor- and publicly-owned – as well as their technology partners - all united in their commitment to ensuring the best, most reliable systems and networks critical to their core businesses and the customers they serve. Working together with its technology partners, UTC's ongoing mission is to create a favorable business, regulatory and technical environment in which its members and stakeholders will thrive. UTC does this through a variety of advocacy, regulatory, technological, information, and education programs.

UTC has over the last ten years established independent international operations in Canada, Europe and Latin America each operating with local utility management



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addressing and serving local utility issues within their regulatory environment. The UTC Global Advisory Council ensures all regions contribute to and share the value of international collaboration.

UTC is, at the present time establishing a new international region Africa UTC which will be based in Bryanston, Johannesburg, South Africa. Membership of Africa UTC will be open to all utility and mission critical organisations in sub Saharan Africa. Eskom and Mr Naidoo will be founding members of Africa UTC.

UTC/AUTC was recently invited by ICASA to make an independent response to the recent consultation on wireless spectrum re-farming based on our experience within other telecommunications regulatory jurisdictions and their relationships with utility companies. We were delighted to support the ICASA consultation with an international view of the issues relating to utility companies and the creation of smart energy networks of the future.

I hope this recommendation is helpful to ICASA in deciding who will participate in the Council. Utility and energy networks underpin our very society and the successful economic development of these industries will be increasingly dependent on telecommunications & ICT in future years.

Yours Sincerely,

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