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CRAN INTRODUCE 5G TO TELECOMMUNICATION LICENSEES

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The Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) in conjunction with LS Telcom, organised a workshop to give telecommunications service providers insight into 5G technology capabilities and its spectrum requirements. The workshop also gave an overview of the current trials being conducted around the world for 5G, as well as the regulatory frameworks required to allow for the effective implementation of 5G technologies in Namibia. The workshop was held on Friday, 23 June 2017 at Heja Lodge.

"Namibia was elected as the supporting country to South Africa in respect of the World Radio Conference (WRC-19) agenda points related to International Mobile Technology (IMT) services, which include 5G implementation and 5G spectrum related requirements. The workshop provided a platform for stakeholders to jointly craft strategies that will ensure the speedy and effective implementation of 5G in Namibia": said Jochen Traut, Chief Technical Officer at CRAN.

"The success of 5G in Namibia is depended on the collaboration and innovation of all telecommunications industry players. Investment in 5G will, in the long haul, enable mobile application and telecommunications service provider to connect



simultaneously at any time. 5G also achieves more efficient spectrum use, higher data rates, lower latency and ubiquitous connectivity. It is extremely reliable, near to universal coverage and its high speed mobile broadband can cost-effectively support growing data traffic demand (such as video down loads) and better support low-power Internet of Things (IoT) solutions, concluded Traut.

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