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Department of Communications and Digital Technologies

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Information officer

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Dear Information Officer,

RE: AFRIFORUM // DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN TERMS OF THE PROMOTION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT (NO. 2 OF 2000)

1. I write on behalf of AfriForum which is a non-profit company, duly registered in terms of the company laws of South Africa. AfriForum has over 300 000 members and acts in the interest of its supporters as well as in the interest of the public through active participation and advocacy.
2. The purpose of this letter is to request information from the Department in terms of section 18 of the **Promotion of Access to Information Act, No 2 of 2000 ('PAIA')**.
3. This request is directed to you pursuant to the aims and objectives of AfriForum. These objectives include but are not limited to the following:
 - 3.1. The expansion and preservation of civil, minority, and constitutional rights.
 - 3.2. The safeguarding of good governance and governmental transparency.
 - 3.3. The establishing of self-reliant and self-respecting communities.
 - 3.4. The attainment of settlements in furtherance of peaceful coexistence and tolerance between communities.
 - 3.5. The establishing and nurturing of mutual recognition and respect.

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Member Affairs – Email: ledesake@afriforum.co.za • **Directors:** Ms A. Bailey, Mr P.J.W. Buys, Dr H.K. Coetzee, Mr P.L. Dekker, Mr F.J.D. de Klerk, Mr G.R. de Vries, Dr D.J. Hermann, Mr W.G. Human, Mr C.M. Kriel and Dr R. Pretorius. • **Company Secretary:** Mr W.A. Vogel.

Registration number: 2005/042861/08 • **NGO number:** 054 - 590

4. The objective of this request is to promote transparency, accountability, and informed public discourse on the matter.

PARTICULARS OF PERSON REQUESTING ACCESS TO INFORMATION

4. Herewith the full details of the Requester:

- 4.1 Name: AfriForum NPC
- 4.2 Registration number: 2005/042861/08
- 4.3 Address: 58 Union Avenue, Kloofsig, Pretoria.

PARTICULARS OF INFORMATION AND REASON FOR REQUEST

5. We kindly request in terms of Section 18(1) of PAIA, to be furnished with the following information and/or records with regards to the Department reportedly signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Space42 on behalf of the South African government during the April 2024 UAE state visit:

5.1. Signed Agreements

Please provide complete copies of:

- The signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies and Space42.
- Any signed agreement involving BrainSAT Technologies (or BrainSAT Satellite Services).
- Any implementation agreements.
- Any shareholder agreements.
- Any strategic partnership agreements.
- Any service level agreements.

5.2. Procurement Process

Please provide records showing:

- How BrainSAT was identified or selected.
- Whether any competitive procurement process was followed.

- Copies of any Requests for Information (RFI), Requests for Proposals (RFP), Requests for Quotations (RFQ), tenders or bid documents.

DISCLOSURE

6. AfriForum relies on its and its members' rights to access to information, just administrative action, equality, and human dignity in sending this request for access to information. It, moreover, relies on its rights to transparency and accountability by public institutions such as the Department. AfriForum submits that providing the above requested information is in the public interest.
7. AfriForum submits that no reasonable grounds for refusing access to the requested information exists.
8. However, should the records or part thereof contain commercial information of a third party (as per section 36 of PAIA) AfriForum submits that the third party's consent to provide the records should first be sought. Should the third party, however, not consent, then AfriForum submits that the records should be appropriately redacted to exclude any information that ought to be excluded in terms of section 36(1)(a)-(c) of the PAIA.
9. Similarly, should the records or part thereof contain certain confidential information of a third party (as per section 37 of PAIA) AfriForum submits that the third party's consent should first be sought, failing which the records should be appropriately redacted to exclude any information that ought to be excluded in terms of section 36(1)(a) and (b) of the PAIA.
10. Lastly, should the records or part thereof contain information that is deemed mandatorily protected in terms of the PAIA, then AfriForum submits that the records or part thereof should be appropriately redacted to exclude any information which is deemed to be protected, while the remainder of the record is provided to us.

FEES AND FORM OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION

11. If the information is in written or printed form we wish to request a copy of the information which can be sent to the provided email address: rindt.pretorius@afriforum.co.za
12. If the information consists of visual images AfriForum wishes to request a copy of the information which can be sent to the provided AfriForum email address.
13. If the information consists of recorded words or information that could be reproduced in sound AfriForum wishes to request a transcription of the information which can be sent to the provided AfriForum email address.
14. If the information is held on or in electronic or machine-readable format AfriForum wishes to request a printed copy of the information which can be sent to the provided AfriForum email address.
15. We look forward to receiving your response and to be informed of the decision regarding the above-mentioned request via email at the following addresses: rindt.pretorius@afriforum.co.za
16. **Kindly see attached as annexure B the signed and completed access to information request form. This cover letter should be read in conjunction with the completed PAIA request form.**
17. Lastly, kindly inform us whether any requester fee is payable and if so kindly provide us with the banking details in order for us to facilitate the payment of the requester fee.
18. We look forward to receiving the requested information.

Yours faithfully,

AFRIFORUM

Per. Barend Pretorius



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