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Dear Industry stakeholder,

**Re: Introduction of the South African Metering Industry Forum (SAMIF)**

In 2014, the Electrotechnical unit in **the dtic** conducted extensive industry research work on the localization of residential electricity prepayment, post-paid and smart meters, which led to the designation of these products at local content thresholds of between 50-70% where the state and its entities is the procurer. This is according to the mandate of **the dtic** which is derived from the Preferential Procurement Regulations.

In May 2017, the designation of residential water meters was also approved at a 40% local content threshold. The designation of these metering products was approved based on the existing local production capacity and capabilities in South Africa, which in turn will ensure the growth of the two sub-sectors and create much needed jobs.

Since the designation of both residential electricity and water meters, direct and indirect employment has been created and this further benefited the component manufacturing industries. The current success within these two sub-sectors gives the Department more reasons to support the electricity and water metering sectors, hence the establishment of an independent, voluntary forum called the South African Metering Industry Forum a couple of years back.

The Department coordinates the Forum and acts as the secretariat. The forum meets on a quarterly basis and elects new leadership annually. The elected leadership engages with various industries, government and other stakeholder participants on industry related topics to fulfill the mandate of the forum, with clear parameters in place with regards to competitive behaviour.

The purpose of this letter is to request that you kindly engage and collaborate with them as and when you are approached. They will provide you with more details on the objectives of the forum.

The elected leadership of the South African Metering Industry Forum for the 2021/2022 financial year are:

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Yours sincerely,

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