**Vote of Thanks**

**By**

**Sven Thieme, Chairman of NBC Board**

**DTT SADC/ITU DEADLINE**

**17 June 2015**

**NBC TV Centre, Windhoek, Namibia**

Honourable Minister, Tjekero Tweya

Deputy Minister, Stanley Simataa

Senior officials of the Ministry of ICT,

NBC Family, director general and follow directors,

Invited Guests

Good Morning

It is with a great sense of pride that I stand this morning before you as a chairman of the great team at NBC. What we are witnessing today is the result of many hours, days and months and years of planning and endless hard work behind the scenes.

Namibia has made history once again and so did the nbc by being one of the top four countries leading the DTT migration in SADC. We have surpassed our best expectations. Today is the 17 June 2015. The Switch off date as required by the ITU…And Namibia proudly stands at 70% population coverage with DTT.

We would not have been here today without the support of the Namibian Government. Thank you so much indeed! Our sincerest appreciation goes to our line Ministry of ICT that believed in this project and stood firm behind nbc to make this historic day a reality. We are certain that the DTT migration will continue to be a success with all the relevant support.

I want to thank my fellow Directors who believed in the future of nbc. Who dared to suggest that we will be a force to be reckoned with and a trusted partner in the broadcasting space…Our newly crafted purpose “Inspiring a growing nation” is aiming at making a difference in the lives of our fellow Namibians.

Thank you Mr. Director-General, Albertus Aochamub for your visionary leadership as you made sure that nbc stabilizes a large part of its financial management and discipline and the creation of a new organizational culture with a new purpose and values and have developed our own leadership development program amongst many changes you had to manage.

To the Management and staff of nbc who work tirelessly throughout this challenging project, I can only say thanks so much and well done! You have proven that you are all true leaders in your own right.

To Huawei Technologies, sincerest appreciation for partnering with nbc and rendering the world class support that we have received.

Since its inception, the multi-stakeholder National DTT Forum laid a strong foundation. So thank you OATV, CRAN, TBN and DSTV. Today we can enjoy multiple channels through nbc1, nbc2, nbc3, EduTV and ThisTV. For that we are very grateful. During the DTT campaigns we work closely with regional councilors, governors and local authorities who rendered us with great support. Thank you and please continue as we will need your support in the future.

During this process numerous organizations and individuals contributed to its success. I want to say once again thank you all for making this Digital Migration a success. Our sales agents, digital decoder distributors, partners, sponsors, radio and television audiences, thanks once again for having contributed to our success. It goes without saying that without the media we will not be able to reach so many people and spread the good news of DTT migration. A big thank you to our media as well.

This is good progress and we are happy that you could join us in celebration of this Historic 17 June 2015 Deadline.

Once again a special word of appreciation goes to the director general for his excellent leadership. Also to our Minister and Ministry, we really value your support on this journey.