

Address of Dr. Ashveen KISSOONAH, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the State Informatics Limited

Honourable Asraf DULLUL, Minister of Information and Communications Technology, Chairperson and CEO's of public and private organisations, members of the Board of Directors, the General Manager and the management team and staff of the State Informatics Limited, our valued partners, members of the media, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

It gives me great pleasure and indeed I am honoured to be amongst you for the re-branding of the State Informatics Limited and to unveil SIL's new corporate identity.

This is a very important event and I shall take this opportunity to go down memory lane to brush up on who we are and what we do. The State Informatics Limited, a state owned enterprise established in 1989 is today one of the largest IT companies of the Republic of Mauritius providing highly specialised services in IT systems development and implementation.

SIL has played a major role in the evolution and application of ICT in Mauritius over and several parts of Africa over the last two decades. With its key position at the forefront of technology pioneering, SIL has been continuously developing skills and expertise in state-of-the-art technologies and trusted technical expertise combining to deliver fast, secure and reliable solutions to both public and private sector enterprises.

SIL has designed, developed and implemented over hundreds of major software application projects for Government and private companies in Mauritius and Africa. One of the largest projects has been the Integrated Financial Management Information Systems successfully delivered to the Government of Mauritius and rolled over for the Governments of Kenya, Namibia and Botswana.

SIL is an ISO 9001:2000 certified company and has been awarded the Capability Maturity Model Level 3 for software development. SIL is the Advantage Partner of Sun Microsystems, Gold partner of Microsoft, Certified Advantage partner of Oracle and established partner of IBM, CISCO, EMC and Symantec. As a regional player SIL operates in Namibia under the trade name of SILNAM Information Technology and also have operations in namely Botswana and South Africa amongst others.

Having existed for two decades, a re-engineering of the institution was highly called for to review our mission and vision and to respond to our changing customer needs and taking into account new market trends in a highly dynamic and challenging ICT industry. Responding to our new requirements, with the support of the National Productivity and Competitiveness Council, we embarked on a strategic visioning exercise where the board directors, the management team and members of staff had the opportunity to interact and contribute to the development of a strategic plan for the organisation for the next three years. In so doing SIL wants to prioritise services in new market segments, focus on retention of talents and hence achieve business resilience.

This exercise resulted in the establishment of a new vision and mission with underlying new sets of corporate values and definition of new business objectives.

With the current uncertain economic climate and difficult times affecting every country,

I am of the opinion that there is a vast number of opportunities in the ICT space which could give us a boost. Besides, the country has rightly opted to move towards development of other economic pillars such as the services sector.

Circumstances have now shown that SIL did adopt the right policy by endorsing the re-engineering process as it has managed to re-define its clear objectives and goals in the nick of time.

Therefore, the output is a new image of the company that responds to the new challenges ahead and also takes in account its assets and given opportunities.

This re-branding exercise re-ignites our brand value and competitively differentiates ourselves with better communication; a new logo and best fit our new requirements to be proactive as both a local and regional player, in a fierce and evolving ICT market.

I wish to thank our partners and collaborators for their continuing support and I am confident that we shall continue doing business together and thus bridge the digital divide and add value to our gross domestic product.

Honourable Asraf DULLUL, I thank you on behalf of the State Informatics Limited for taking some of your precious time out of your busy schedule to grace this evening.

Board directors, management team and staff of SIL, I thank you for your continued support.

I also extend my thanks to the audience for their presence.

Thank you very much for your attention.