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Mr U Naidu
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Dear Mr Naidu,

CLARIFICATION OF PARAGRAPH 5.1.4 OF DIRECTIONS

Your letter dated 06 April 2020 refers.

The Electronic Communications, Postal and Broadcasting Directions published in the *Government Gazette* on 26 March 2020 (*Government Gazette* 43164, Government Notice No. 417) (the Directions) seek to ensure that all websites for domain names that are registered under the .za top-level-domain, whether at second level or third level, include the www.sacoronavirus.co.za link on the landing page. This requirement should be complied with by all such website owners for the duration of declared national disaster.

This initiative is important to ensure the dissemination of public information relevant to COVID-19 to prevent the spread of the virus and was done in the context of using technology for this purpose, including the .za domain name system.

It should also be noted that the Minister is empowered under the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, 2002 to issue policy directives on matters relevant to the .za domain name space. Therefore, the relevant direction is within the Minister's mandate and is enabled by Regulation 10(8) issued in terms of section 27 of the Disaster Management Act, 2002.

The action taken by MPlanet to inform their website clients about this requirement is welcomed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mthembu', written over a horizontal line.

Mr Jackson Mthembu, MP
Acting Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies