

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **USAASA AND USAF CHAIRPERSON RESIGNS**

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The Chairperson of the Boards of USAASA and USAF - Mrs Pumla Radebe - last night tendered her resignation to the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services.

Mrs Radebe first chaired the Boards of USAASA and USAF in September 2012 and was pivotal in the turning around the ailing entity. Together with the Boards she led, USAASA produced the first ICT access gap analysis which has since informed the integrated broadband deployments the Agency has undertaken in recent years.

To this effect, the much hailed Msinga Integrated Broadband model deployed in 2013 in partnership with MTN has been replicated in the following areas:

- i. Emalahleni Local Municipality (EC);
- ii. Joe Morolong Local Municipality (NC);
- iii. Ratlou Local Municipality (NW);
- iv. Mutale Local Municipality (LP); and
- v. Albert Luthuli Local Municipality (MP)

Under her leadership, USAASA has been credited with re-igniting the long delayed Broadcasting Digital Migration concluding its procurement process and getting to production stage.

Again, under her leadership, Mrs Radebe has been at the helm of achieving the clean administration the entity now has.

Of her resignation, she says “it has been a trying road I have travelled together with my former and current colleagues. We have stood our ground; we have stayed the course to get the entity to its current position. We have run a good race but for me it is time to depart. It is my sincere hope that government will wake up to the beneficial position of USAASA in enabling the central thrust of the National Development Plan. Until then, the work I have done with my colleagues will stand the test of time and will bear witness to the work we have done.”

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