



## PAIA and POPIA Manual

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This manual was prepared in accordance with section 51 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 and to address requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013.

This manual applies to

Universal Satellite Technologies (Pty) Ltd. TA Connecting Africa

Registration number: 1999/024432/07

And its subsidiaries

(hereinafter Connecting Africa)



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## **1. Background to the Promotion of Access to Information Act**

- 1.1 The Promotion of Access to Information Act, No. 2 of 2000 (the “Act”) was enacted on 3 February 2000, giving effect to the constitutional right in terms of section 32 of the Bill of Rights contained in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa 108 of 1996 (the “Constitution”) of access to any information held by the state and any information that is held by another person and that is required for the exercise or protection of any rights.
- 1.2 In terms of section 51 of the Act, all Private Bodies are required to compile an Information Manual (“PAIA Manual”).
- 1.3 Where a request is made in terms of the Act, the body to whom the request is made is obliged to release the information, subject to applicable legislative and / or regulatory requirements, except where the Act expressly provides that the information may be adopted when requesting information from a public or private body.

## **2. Connecting Africa (Pty) Ltd**

Since 1995, Connecting Africa has pioneered Digital Communication Solutions throughout Africa. We take great pride in going beyond the expected. Our solutions are designed with people in mind. They are tailored made to be bold, functional, and always at the leading edge of technology.

- 2.1 This PAIA Manual of Connecting Africa is available at its premises: 316 Ontdekkers Road Ontdekkers Park, Roodepoort, Gauteng South Africa 1709, <https://www.connectingafrica.co.za/>

## **3. Purpose of the PAIA Manual**

- 3.1 The purpose of PAIA is to promote the right of access to information, to foster a culture of transparency and accountability within Connecting Africa by giving the right to information that is required for the exercise or protection of any right and to actively promote a society in which the people of South Africa have effective access to information to enable them to exercise and protect their rights.
- 3.2 In order to promote effective governance of private bodies, it is necessary to ensure that everyone is empowered and educated to understand their rights in relation to public and private bodies.
- 3.3 Section 9 of the Act recognises that the right to access information cannot be unlimited and should be subject to justifiable limitations, including, but not limited to:
  - 3.3.1 Limitations aimed at the reasonable protection of privacy.
  - 3.3.2 Commercial confidentiality; and
  - 3.3.3 Effective, efficient and good governance;and in a manner which balances that right with any other rights, including such rights contained in the Bill of Rights in the Constitution.
- 3.4 This PAIA Manual complies with the requirements of guide mentioned in section 10 of the Act and recognises that upon commencement of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013, that

the appointed Information Regulator will be responsible to regulate compliance with the Act and its regulations by private and public bodies.

#### 4. **Contact Details of the Managing Director [Section 51(1)(a)]**

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| Managing Director:  | Barry Schubert  |
| Registered Address: | 316 Ontdekkers Road Ontdekkers Park, Roodepoort, Gauteng<br>South Africa 1709                     |
| Postal Address:     | As above  |
| Telephone Number:   | +27 11 760 2017   |
| Website:            | <a href="http://www.connectingafrica.co.za/contact">http://www.connectingafrica.co.za/contact</a> |

#### 5. **The Information Officer [Section 51(1)(b)]**

- 5.1 The Act prescribes the appointment of an Information Officer for public bodies where such Information Officer is responsible to, inter alia, assess request for access to information. The head of a private body fulfils such a function in terms of section 51. Connecting Africa has opted to appoint an Information Officer to assess such a request for access to information as well as to oversee its required functions in terms of the Act.
- 5.2 The Information Officer appointed in terms of the Act also refers to the Information Officer as referred to in the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. The Information Officer oversees the functions and responsibilities as required for in terms of both this Act as well as the duties and responsibilities in terms of section 55 of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 after registering with the Information Regulator.
- 5.3 The Information Officer may appoint, where it is deemed necessary, Deputy Information Officers, as allowed in terms of section 17 of the Act as well as section 56 of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. This is in order to render Connecting Africa, accessible and as reasonably possible, for requesters of its records, to ensure fulfilment of its obligations and responsibilities as prescribed in terms of section 55 of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. All request for information in terms of this Act must be addressed to the Information Officer.

#### **Contact Details of the Information Officer**

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| Information Officer: | Louis Swanepoel  |
| Physical Address:    | 316 Ontdekkers Road Ontdekkers Park, Roodepoort, Gauteng<br>South Africa 1709  |
| Telephone Number:    | +27 11 760 2017  |
| Email:               | <a href="mailto:louis@connectingafrica.co.za">louis@connectingafrica.co.za</a> |

## 6. Guide of SA Human Rights Commission (Section 51(1) (b))

- 6.1 The ACT grants a requester access to records of a private body, if the record is required for the exercise or protection of any rights. If a public body lodges a request, the public body must be acting in the public interest.
- 6.2 Requests in terms of the ACT shall be made in accordance with the prescribed procedures, at the rates provided. The forms and tariff are dealt with in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Act.
- 6.3 Requesters are referred to the Guide in terms of Section 10 which has been compiled by the South African Human Rights Commission, which will contain information for the purposes of exercising Constitutional Rights. The Guide is available from the SAHRC.
- 6.4 The contact details of the Commission are:

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| Contact body:     | The South African Human Rights Commission  |
| Physical Address: | PAIA Unit<br>29 Princess of Wales Terrace<br>Cnr York and Andrew Streets<br>Parktown |
| Postal Address:   | Private Bag 2700, Houghton 2041  |
| Telephone Number: | +27 11 877 3600  |
| E-Mail:           | PAIA@sahrc.org.za  |
| Web Site:         | <a href="http://www.sahrc.org.za">www.sahrc.org.za</a>                               |

## 7. The Latest Notice in Terms of Section 52(2) (if any) [Section 51(1)(c)]

No notice has been published on the categories of records that are automatically available without a person having to request access in terms of Section 52(2) of PAIA.

## 8. Subjects and Categories of Records Available only on Request to Access in Terms of the Act (Section 51(1) (e))

### 8.1 Records held by Connecting Africa

For the purposes of this clause 8.1, "Personnel" refers to any person who works for, or provides services to, or on behalf of Connecting Africa and receives or is entitled to receive remuneration and any other person who assist in carrying out or conducting the business of Connecting Africa. This includes, without limitation, directors (executive and non-executive), all permanent, temporary and part-time staff, as well as contract workers. This clause serves as a reference to the categories of information that Connecting Africa holds. The information is classified and grouped according to records relating to the following subjects and categories:

| Subject               | Category  |
|-----------------------|---|
| Companies Act Records | All trust deeds;<br>Documents of Incorporation; |

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
|                   | <p>Index of names of Directors;</p> <p>Memorandum of Incorporation.</p> <p>Minutes of meetings of the Management Committee</p> <p>Minutes of Meetings of the Executive Committee</p> <p>Minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors;</p> <p>Minutes of meetings of Shareholders;</p> <p>Proxy forms;</p> <p>Register of debenture-holders;</p> <p>Register of directors' shareholdings;</p> <p>Share certificates;</p> <p>Share Register and other statutory registers and/or records and/or documents;</p> <p>Special resolutions/Resolutions passed at General and Class meetings;</p> <p>Records relating to the appointment of:</p> <p>Auditors;</p> <p>Directors;</p> <p>Prescribed Officer.</p> <p>Public Officer; and</p> <p>Secretary</p> |
| Financial Records | <p>Accounting Records;</p> <p>Annual Audited Financial Reports;</p> <p>Annual Financial Statements</p> <p>Asset Registers;</p> <p>Bank Statements;</p> <p>Banking details and bank accounts;</p> <p>Banking Records;</p> <p>Debtors / Creditors statements and invoices;</p> <p>General ledgers and subsidiary ledgers;</p> <p>General reconciliation;</p>  |

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|                                 | Invoices;<br>Paid Cheques;<br>Policies and procedures;<br>Rental Agreements; and<br>Tax Returns  |
| Income Tax Records              | PAYE Records;<br>Documents issued to employees for income tax purposes;<br>Records of payments made to SARS on behalf of employees;<br>All other statutory compliances:<br>VAT<br>Regional Services Levies<br>Skills Development Levies<br>UIF<br>Workmen's Compensation   |
| Personnel Documents And Records | Accident books and records;<br>Address Lists;<br>Disciplinary Code and Records;<br>Employee benefits arrangements rules and records;<br>Employment Contracts;<br>Employment Equity Plan<br>Forms and Applications;<br>Grievance Procedures;<br>Leave Records;<br>Medical Aid Records;<br>Payroll reports/ Wage register;<br>Pension Fund Records;<br>Safety, Health and Environmental records;<br>Salary Records;<br>SETA records<br>Standard letters and notices<br>Training Manuals; |

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|---------------------------------------|---|
|                                       | <p>Training Records;</p> <p>Workplace and Union agreements and records.</p>   |
| Procurement Department                | <p>Standard Terms and Conditions for supply of services and products;</p> <p>Contractor, client and supplier agreements;</p> <p>Lists of suppliers, products, services and distribution; and</p> <p>Policies and Procedures.</p>  |
| Sales Department                      | <p>Customer details</p> <p>Credit application information</p> <p>Information and records provided by a third party</p>  |
| Marketing Department                  | Advertising and promotional material  |
| Risk Management and Audit             | <p>Audit reports;</p> <p>Risk management frameworks; and</p> <p>Risk management plans.</p>  |
| Safety, Health and Environment        | <p>Complete Safety, Health and Environment Risk Assessment</p> <p>Environmental Managements Plans</p> <p>Inquiries, inspections, examinations by environmental authorities</p>  |
| IT Department                         | <p>Computer / mobile device usage policy documentation;</p> <p>Disaster recovery plans;</p> <p>Hardware asset registers;</p> <p>Information security policies/standards/procedures;</p> <p>Information technology systems and user manuals;</p> <p>Information usage policy documentation;</p> <p>Project implementation plans;</p> <p>Software licensing; and</p> <p>System documentation and manuals.</p> |
| Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) | <p>CSR schedule of projects/record of organisations that receive funding;</p>   |



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|  | <p>Reports, books, publications and general information related to CSR spend;</p> <p>Records and contracts of agreement with funded organisations.</p> |
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- 8.2 Note that the accessibility of the records may be subject to the grounds of refusal set out in this PAIA manual. Amongst other, records deemed confidential on the part of a third party, will necessitate permission from the third party concerned, in addition to normal requirements, before Connecting Africa will consider access.

## 9. **Records Available without a Request to Access in terms of the Act**

- 9.1 Records of a public nature, typically those disclosed on the Connecting Africa website and in its various annual reports, may be accessed without the need to submit a formal application.
- 9.2 Other non-confidential records, such as statutory records maintained at CIPC, may also be accessed without the need to submit a formal application, however, please note that an appointment to view such records will still have to be made with the Information Officer.

## 10. **Description of the records of the Body which are available in accordance with any other Legislation (Section 51(1) (d))**

- 10.1 Where applicable to its operations, Connecting Africa also retains records and documents in terms of the legislation below. Unless disclosure is prohibited in terms of legislation, regulations, contractual agreement or otherwise, records that are required to be made available in terms of these acts shall be made available for inspection by interested parties in terms of the requirements and conditions of the Act; the below mentioned legislation and applicable internal policies and procedures, should such interested parties be entitled to such information. A request to access must be done in accordance with the prescriptions of the Act.
- a. Auditing Professions Act, No 26 of 2005.
  - b. Basic Conditions of Employment Act, No 75 of 1997.
  - c. Broad- Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, No 75 of 1997.
  - d. Business Act, No 71 of 1991.
  - e. Companies Act, No 71 of 2008.
  - f. Compensation for Occupational Injuries & Diseases Act, 130 of 1993.
  - g. Competition Act, No.71 of 2008.
  - h. Constitution of the Republic of South Africa 2008.
  - i. Copyright Act, No 98 of 1978.
  - j. Customs & Excise Act, 91 of 1964.
  - k. Electronic Communications Act, No 36 of 2005.
  - l. Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, No 25 of 2002.
  - m. Employment Equity Act, No 55 of 1998.
  - n. Financial Intelligence Centre Act, No 38 of 2001.
  - o. Identification Act, No. 68 of 1997.
  - p. Income Tax Act, No 58 of 1962.
  - q. Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Act, No 38 of 1997.
  - r. Labour Relations Act, No 66 of 1995.

- s. Long Term Insurance Act, No 52 of 1998.
- t. Occupational Health & Safety Act, No 85 of 1993.
- u. Pension Funds Act, No 24 of 1956.
- v. Prescription Act, No 68 of 1969.
- w. Prevention of Organised Crime Act, No 121 of 1998.
- x. Promotion of Access to Information Act, No 2 of 2000.
- y. Protection of Personal Information Act, No. 4 of 2013.
- z. Regulation of Interception of Communications and Provision of Communication-Related Information Act 70 of 2002
- aa. Revenue laws Second Amendment Act. No 61 of 2008.
- bb. Skills Development Levies Act No. 9 of 1999.
- cc. Short-term Insurance Act No. 53 of 1998.
- dd. Trust Property Control Act 57 of 1988.
- ee. Unemployment Insurance Contributions Act 4 of 2002.
- ff. Unemployment Insurance Act No. 30 of 1966.
- gg. Value Added Tax Act 89 of 1991.

*\*Although we have used our best endeavours to supply a list of applicable legislation, it is possible that this list may be incomplete. Whenever it comes to our attention that existing or new legislation allows a Requester access on a basis other than as set out in PAIA, we shall update the list accordingly. If a Requester believes that a right of access to a record exists in terms of other legislation listed above or any other legislation, the Requester is required to indicate what legislative right the request is based on, to allow the Information Officer the opportunity of considering the request in light thereof.*

- 10.2 It is further recorded that the accessibility of documents and records may be subject to the grounds of refusal set out in this PAIA Manual.

#### **11. Detail to Facilitate a Request for Access to a Record of Connecting Africa (Section 51(1) (e))**

- 11.1 The requester must comply with all the procedural requirements contained in the Act relating to the request for access to a record.
- 11.2 The requester must complete the prescribed form enclosed herewith and submit same as well as payment of a request fee and a deposit (if applicable) to the Information Officer or the Deputy Information Officer at the postal or physical address, fax number or electronic mail address as noted in clause 5 above.
- 11.3 The prescribed form must be filled in with sufficient information to enable the Information Officer to identify:
  - a. the record or records requested; and
  - b. the identity of the requester.

- 11.4 The requester should indicate which form of access is required and specify a postal address or fax number of the requester in the Republic.
- 11.5 The requester must state that he/she requires the information in order to exercise or protect a right, and clearly state what the nature of the right is so to be exercised or protected. The requester must clearly specify why the record is necessary to exercise or protect such a right (section 53(2)(d)).
- 11.6 Connecting Africa will process the request within 30 (thirty) days, unless the requester has stated special reasons to the satisfaction of the Information Officer that circumstances dictate that the above time periods not be complied with, i.e., sooner than the 30-day period.
- 11.7 The requester shall be advised whether access is granted or denied in writing. If, in addition, the requester requires the reasons for the decision in any other manner, the requester will be obliged to state which manner and the particulars required.
- 11.8 If a request is made on behalf of another person, then the requester must submit proof of the capacity in which the requester is making the request to the reasonable satisfaction of the Information Officer (section 53(2)(f)).
- 11.9 If an individual is unable to complete the prescribed form because of illiteracy or disability, such a person may make the request orally, where such oral request is recorded with a date and time stamp.
- 11.10 The requester must pay the prescribed fee before any further processing can take place.
- 11.11 All information as listed in clause 11 herein should be provided and failing which the process will be delayed until the required information is provided. The prescribed time periods will not commence until the requester has furnished all the necessary and required information. The Information Officer shall sever a record, if possible, and grant only access to that portion requested and which is not prohibited from being disclosed.

## **12. Refusal of Access to Records**

### **12.1 Grounds to Refuse Access**

A private body such as Connecting Africa is entitled to refuse a request for information.

- 12.1.1 The main grounds for Connecting Africa to refuse a request for information relates to the:
- a. mandatory protection of the privacy of a third party who is a natural person or a deceased person (section 63) or a juristic person, as included in the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013, which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information of that natural or juristic person.
  - b. mandatory protection of personal information and for disclosure of any personal information to, in addition to any other legislative, regulatory or contractual agreements, comply with the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013.
  - c. mandatory protection of the commercial information of a third party (section 64) if the record contains:
    - I. trade secrets of the third party.
    - II. financial, commercial, scientific or technical information which disclosure could likely cause harm to the financial or commercial interests of that third party.
    - III. information disclosed in confidence by a third party to Connecting Africa if the disclosure could put that third party at a disadvantage in negotiations or commercial competition.
  - d. mandatory protection of confidential information of third parties (section 65) if it is protected in terms of any agreement.
  - e. mandatory protection of the safety of individuals and the protection of property (section 66);

- f. mandatory protection of records which would be regarded as privileged in legal proceedings (section 67).

12.1.2 The commercial activities (section 68) of a private body, such as Connecting Africa, which may include:

- a. trade secrets of Connecting Africa.
- b. financial, commercial, scientific, or technical information which disclosure could likely cause harm to the financial or commercial interests of Connecting Africa.
- c. information which, if disclosed could put Connecting Africa at a disadvantage in negotiations or commercial competition.
- d. a computer program which is owned by Connecting Africa, and which is protected by copyright.
- e. the research information (section 69) of Connecting Africa or a third party, if its disclosure would disclose the identity of Connecting Africa, the researcher or the subject matter of the research and would place the research at a serious disadvantage.

12.1.3 Requests for information that are clearly frivolous or vexatious, or which involve an unreasonable diversion of resources shall be refused.

12.1.4 All requests for information will be assessed on their own merits and in accordance with the applicable legal principles and legislation.

12.1.5 If a requested record cannot be found or if the record does not exist, the Information Officer shall, by way of an affidavit or affirmation, notify the requester that it is not possible to give access to the requested record. Such a notice will be regarded as a decision to refuse a request for access to the record concerned for the purpose of the Act. If the record should later be found, the requester shall be given access to the record in the manner stipulated by the requester in the prescribed form, unless the Information Officer refuses access to such record.

### **13. Remedies Available When Connecting Africa Refuses a Request**

#### **13.1 Internal Remedies**

Connecting Africa does not have internal appeal procedures. The decision made by the Information Officer is final. Requesters will have to exercise external remedies at their disposal if the request for information is refused, and the requestor is not satisfied with the answer supplied by the Information Officer.

#### **13.2 External Remedies**

13.2.1 A requestor that is dissatisfied with the Information Officer's refusal to disclose information, may within 30 (thirty) days of notification of the decision, apply to a Court for relief.

13.2.2 A third party dissatisfied with the Information Officer's decision to grant a request for information, may within 30 (thirty) days of notification of the decision, apply to a Court for relief. For purposes of the Act, the Courts that have jurisdiction over these applications are the Constitutional Court, the High Court or another court of similar status and a Magistrate's Court designated by the

Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, and which is presided over by a designated Magistrate.

#### **14. Access to Records Held by Connecting Africa**

##### **14.1 Prerequisites for Access to information by Personal/Other Requester**

14.1.1 Records held by Connecting Africa may be accessed by requests only once the prerequisite requirements for access have been met.

14.1.2 A requester is any person making a request for access to a record of Connecting Africa. There are two types of requesters:

a. **Personal Requester**

- i. A personal requester is a requester who is seeking access to a record containing personal information about the requester.
- ii. Connecting Africa will voluntarily provide the requested information or give access to any record with regard to the requester's personal information. The prescribed fee for reproduction of the information requested will be charged.

b. **Other Requester**

- i. This requester (other than a personal requester) is entitled to request access to information on third parties.
- ii. In considering such a request, Connecting Africa will adhere to the provisions of the Act. Section 71 requires that the Information Officer take all reasonable steps to inform a third party to whom the requested record relates of the request, informing him/her that he/she may make a written or oral representation to the Information Officer why the request should be refused or, where required, give written consent for the disclosure of the Information.

Connecting Africa is not obliged to voluntarily grant access to such records. The requester must fulfil the prerequisite requirements, in accordance with the requirements of the Act and as stipulated in Chapter 5; Part 3, including the payment of a request and access fee.

#### **15. Prescribed Fees (Section 51 (1) (f))**

##### **15.1 Fees Provided by the Act**

15.1.1 The Act provides for two types of fees, namely:

- a. A request fee, which is a form of administration fee to be paid by all requesters except personal requesters, before the request is considered and is not refundable; and
- b. An access fee, which is paid by all requesters if a request for access is granted. This fee is inclusive of costs involved by the private body in obtaining and preparing a record for delivery to the requester.

15.2 When the request is received by the Information Officer, such officer shall by notice require the requester, other than a personal requester, to pay the prescribed request fee, before further processing of the request (section 54(1)).

15.3 If the search for the record has been made and the preparation of the record for disclosure, including arrangement to make it available in the requested form, requires more than the hours prescribed in the regulations for this purpose, the Information Officer shall notify the requester to

pay as a deposit the prescribed portion of the access fee which would be payable if the request is granted.

- 15.4 The Information Officer shall withhold a record until the requester has paid the fees as indicated below.
- 15.5 A requester whose request for access to a record has been granted, must pay an access fee that is calculated to include, where applicable, the request fee, the process fee for reproduction and for search and preparation, and for any time reasonably required in excess of the prescribed hours to search for and prepare the record for disclosure including making arrangements to make it available in the requested form.
- 15.6 If a deposit has been paid in respect of a request for access, which is refused, then the Information Officer concerned must repay the deposit to the requester.

## 16. **Reproduction Fee**

- 16.1 Where Connecting Africa has voluntarily provided the Minister with a list of categories of records that will automatically be made available to any person requesting access thereto, the only charge that may be levied for obtaining such records, will be a fee for reproduction of the record in question.

| Reproduction of Information Fees                                       | Fees to be Charged |
|--|--------------------|
| Information in an A-4 size page photocopy or part thereof              | R 1,10             |
| A printed copy of an A4-size page or part thereof                      | R 0,75             |
| A copy in computer-readable format, for example:<br>Compact disc       | R 70,00            |
| A transcription of visual images, in an A4-size page or part thereof   | R 40,00            |
| A copy of visual images  | R 60,00            |
| A transcription of an audio record for an A4-size page or part thereof | R 20,00            |
| A copy of an audio record  | R 30,00            |

## 16.2 Request Fees

Where a requester submits a request for access to information held by an institution on a person other than the requester himself/herself, a request fee in the amount of R50,00 is payable up-front before the institution will further process the request received.

## 16.3 Access Fees

16.3.1 An access fee is payable in all instances where a request for access to information is granted, except in those instances where payment of an access fee is specially excluded in terms of the Act or exclusion is determined by the Minister in terms of section 54(8).

16.3.2 Where a copy of a record needs to be posted the actual postal fee is payable.

The applicable access fees which will be payable are:

| Access of Information Fees   | Fees to be Charged |
|--|--------------------|
| Information in an A-4 size page photocopy or part thereof                                      | R 1,10             |
| A printed copy of an A4-size page or part thereof  | R 0,75             |
| A copy in computer-readable format, for example:<br>Stiffy disc<br>Compact disc                | R 7,50<br>R 70,00  |
| A transcription of visual images, in an A4-size page or<br>part thereof                        | R 40,00            |
| A copy of visual images  | R 60,00            |
| A transcription of an audio record for an A4-size page or part thereof                         | R 20,00            |
| A copy of an audio record<br>*Per hour or part of an hour reasonably required for such search. | R 30,00*           |

## 16.4 Deposits

16.4.1 Where the institution receives a request for access to information held on a person other than the requester himself/herself and the Information Officer upon receipt of the request is of the

opinion that the preparation of the required record of disclosure will take more than 6 (six) hours, a deposit is payable by the requester.

16.4.2 The amount of the deposit is equal to 1/3 (one third) of the amount of the applicable access fee.

#### 16.5 Collection Fees

16.5.1 The initial "request fee" of R50,00 should be deposited into the bank account below and a copy of the deposit slip, application form and other correspondence / documents, forwarded to the Information Officer via fax.

16.5.2 The officer will collect the initial "request fee" of applications received directly by the Information Officer via email.

All fees are subject to change as allowed for in the Act and as a consequence such escalations may not always be immediately available at the time of the request being made. Requesters shall be informed of any changes in the fees prior to making a payment.

### 17. Decision

#### 17.1 Time Allowed to Institution

17.1.1 Connecting Africa will, within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of the request, decide whether to grant or decline the request and give notice with reasons (if required) to that effect.

17.1.2 The 30 (thirty) day period within which Connecting Africa has to decide whether to grant or refuse the request, may be extended for a further period of not more than (30) thirty days if the request is for a large number of information, or the request requires a search for information held at another office of Connecting Africa and the information cannot reasonably be obtained within the original 30 (thirty) day period.

Connecting Africa will notify the requester in writing should an extension be sought.

### 18. Protection of Personal Information that is Processed by Connecting Africa

18.1 Chapter 3 of POPIA provides for the minimum Conditions for Lawful Processing of Personal Information by a Responsible Party. These conditions may not be derogated from unless specific exclusions apply as outlined in POPIA.

18.2 Connecting Africa needs Personal Information relating to both individual and juristic persons in order to carry out its business and organisational functions. The manner in which this information is processed and the purpose for which it is processed is determined by Connecting Africa. Connecting Africa is accordingly a Responsible Party for the purposes of POPIA and will ensure that the Personal Information of a Data Subject:

18.2.1 is processed lawfully, fairly, and transparently. This includes the provision of appropriate information to Data Subjects when their data is collected by Connecting Africa, in the form of



privacy or data collection notices. Connecting Africa must also have a legal basis (for example, consent) to process Personal Information.

- 18.2.2 is processed only for the purposes for which it was collected.
- 18.2.3 will not be processed for a secondary purpose unless that processing is compatible with the original purpose.
- 18.2.4 is adequate, relevant, and not excessive for the purposes for which it was collected.
- 18.2.5 is accurate and kept up to date.
- 18.2.6 will not be kept for longer than necessary.
- 18.2.7 is processed in accordance with integrity and confidentiality principles; this includes physical and organisational measures to ensure that Personal Information, in both physical and electronic form, are subject to an appropriate level of security when stored, used, and communicated by Connecting Africa, to protect against access and acquisition by unauthorised persons and accidental loss, destruction or damage.
- 18.2.8 is processed in accordance with the rights of Data Subjects, where applicable. Data Subjects have the right to:
  - a. be notified that their Personal Information is being collected by Connecting Africa. The Data Subject also has the right to be notified in the event of a data breach.
  - b. know whether Connecting Africa holds Personal Information about them, and to access that information. Any request for information must be handled in accordance with the provisions of this Manual.
  - c. request the correction or deletion of inaccurate, irrelevant, excessive, out of date, incomplete, misleading, or unlawfully obtained personal information.
  - d. object to Connecting Africa's use of their Personal Information and request the deletion of such Personal Information (deletion would be subject to Connecting Africa's record keeping requirements).
  - e. object to the processing of Personal Information for purposes of direct marketing by means of unsolicited electronic communications; and
  - f. complain to the Information Regulator regarding an alleged infringement of any of the rights protected under POPI and to institute civil proceedings regarding the alleged non-compliance with the protection of his, her or its personal information.

### 18.3 Purpose of the Processing of Personal Information by the Company

As outlined above, Personal Information may only be processed for a specific purpose. The purposes for which Connecting Africa processes or will process Personal Information is set out in Part 1 of Appendix 2.

### 18.4 Categories of Data Subjects and Personal Information/special Personal Information relating thereto

As per section 1 of POPI, a Data Subject may either be a natural or a juristic person. Part 2 of

Appendix 2 sets out the various categories of Data Subjects that Connecting Africa Processes Personal Information on and the types of Personal Information relating thereto.

#### 18.5 Recipients of Personal Information

Part 3 of Appendix 2 outlines the recipients to whom Connecting Africa may provide a Data Subjects Personal Information to.

#### 18.6 Cross-border flows of Personal Information

##### 18.6.1 Section 72 of POPIA provides that Personal Information may only be transferred out of the Republic of South Africa if the:

- a. recipient country can offer such data an “adequate level” of protection. This means that its data privacy laws must be substantially similar to the Conditions for Lawful Processing as contained in POPI; or
- b. Data Subject consents to the transfer of their Personal Information; or
- c. transfer is necessary for the performance of a contractual obligation between the Data Subject and the Responsible Party; or
- d. transfer is necessary for the performance of a contractual obligation between the Responsible Party and a third party, in the interests of the Data Subject; or
- e. the transfer is for the benefit of the Data Subject, and it is not reasonably practicable to obtain the consent of the Data Subject, and if it were, the Data Subject would in all likelihood provide such consent.

##### 18.6.2 Part 4 of Appendix 2 sets out the planned cross-border transfers of Personal Information and the condition from above that applies thereto.

#### 18.7 Description of information security measures to be implemented by Connecting Africa

Part 5 of Appendix 2 sets out the types of security measures to implemented by Connecting Africa in order to ensure that Personal Information is respected and protected. A preliminary assessment of the suitability of the information security measures implemented or to be implemented by Connecting Africa may be conducted in order to ensure that the Personal Information that is processed by Connecting Africa is safeguarded and processed in accordance with the Conditions for Lawful Processing.

#### 18.8 Objection to the Processing of Personal Information by a Data Subject

Section 11 (3) of POPI and regulation 2 of the POPIA Regulations provides that a Data Subject may, at any time object to the Processing of his/her/its Personal Information in the

prescribed form attached to this manual as Appendix 3 subject to exceptions contained in POPIA.

18.9 Request for correction or deletion of Personal Information

Section 24 of POPI and regulation 3 of the POPI Regulations provides that a Data Subject may request for their Personal Information to be corrected/deleted in the prescribed form attached as Appendix 4 to this Manual

**19. Availability and Updating of the PAIA Manual**

19.1 Regulation Number R.187 of 15 February 2002

19.1.1 This PAIA Manual is made available in terms of Regulation Number R.187 of 15 February 2002. Connecting Africa will update this PAIA Manual at such intervals as may be deemed necessary.

19.1.2 This PAIA Manual of Connecting Africa is available to view at its premises and on its website.

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FORM C: REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORD OF PRIVATE BODY

D. Particulars of record

- (a) Provide full particulars of the record to which access is requested, including the reference number if that is known to you, to enable the record to be located.  
(b) If the provided space is inadequate, please continue on a separate folio and attach it to this form. The requester must sign all the additional folios.

1. Description of record or relevant part of the record:

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2. Reference number, if available:

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3. Any further particulars of record:

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E. Fees

- (a) A request for access to a record, other than a record containing personal information about yourself, will be processed only after a request fee has been paid.  
(b) You will be notified of the amount required to be paid as the request fee.  
(c) The fee payable for access to a record depends on the form in which access is required and the reasonable time required to search for and prepare a record.  
(d) If you qualify for exemption of the payment of any fee, please state the reason for exemption.

Reason for exemption from payment of fees:

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**F. Form of access to record**

If you are prevented by a disability to read, view or listen to the record in the form of access provided for in 1 to 4 below, state your disability and indicate in which form the record is required.

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| Disability: <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>   | Form in which record is required: <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> |
| Mark the appropriate box with an X.  |  |
| <b>NOTES:</b><br>(a) Compliance with your request for access in the specified form may depend on the form in which the record is available.<br>(b) Access in the form requested may be refused in certain circumstances. In such a case you will be informed if access will be granted in another form.<br>(c) The fee payable for access to the record, if any, will be determined partly by the form in which access is requested. |  |

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| <b>1. If the record is in written or printed form:</b>  |   |                          |  |                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | copy of record*                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | inspection of record                                       |                             |
| <b>2. If record consists of visual images - (this includes photographs, slides, video recordings, computer-generated images, sketches, etc.):</b> |   |                          |  |                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | view the images                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | copy of the images*  | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
|   |   |                          | transcription of the images*                               |                             |
| <b>3. If record consists of recorded words or information which can be reproduced in sound:</b>   |   |                          |  |                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | listen to the soundtrack (audio cassette) | <input type="checkbox"/> | transcription of soundtrack* (written or printed document) |                             |
| <b>4. If record is held on computer or in an electronic or machine-readable form:</b>   |   |                          |  |                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | printed copy of record*                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | printed copy of information derived from the record*       | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
|   |   |                          | copy in computer readable form* (stiffy or compact disc)   |                             |
| *If you requested a copy or transcription of a record (above), do you wish the copy or transcription to be posted to you?<br>Postage is payable.  |   |                          | YES <input type="checkbox"/>                               | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |

**G. Particulars of right to be exercised or protected**

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| If the provided space is inadequate, please continue on a separate folio and attach it to this form.<br>The requester must sign all the additional folios.   |
| <b>1. Indicate which right is to be exercised or protected:</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>   |
| <b>2. Explain why the record requested is required for the exercise or protection of the aforementioned right:</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> |

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H. Notice of decision regarding request for access

You will be notified in writing whether your request has been approved / denied. If you wish to be informed in another manner, please specify the manner and provide the necessary particulars to enable compliance with your request.

How would you prefer to be informed of the decision regarding your request for access to the record?

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Signed at ..... this day..... of ..... year .....

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SIGNATURE OF REQUESTER /  
PERSON ON WHOSE BEHALF REQUEST IS MADE

## **Appendix 2: Part 1 - Processing of Personal Information in Accordance with POPI**

### **For clients:**

- a. Performing duties in terms of any agreement with clients
- b. Make, or assist in making, credit decisions about clients
- c. Operate and manage clients' accounts and manage any application, agreement or correspondence clients may have with Connecting Africa
- d. Communicating (including direct marketing) with clients by email, SMS, letter, telephone or in any other way about Connecting Africa's products and services, unless clients indicate otherwise
- e. To form a view of clients as individuals and to identify, develop or improve products, that may be of interest to clients
- f. Carrying out market research, business, and statistical analysis
- g. Performing other administrative and operational purposes including the testing of systems
- h. Recovering any debt clients may owe the Connecting Africa
- i. Complying with the Connecting Africa's regulatory and other obligations
- j. Any other reasonably required purpose relating to the Connecting Africa business

### **For employees:**

- a. The same purposes as for clients (above)
- b. Verification of applicant employees' information during recruitment process
- c. General matters relating to employees:
  - i. Pension
  - ii. Medical aid
  - iii. Payroll
  - iv. Disciplinary action
  - v. Training
  - vi. Grievances
- d. Any other reasonably required purpose relating to the employment or possible employment relationship.

### **For vendors /suppliers /other businesses:**

- a. Verifying information and performing checks.
- b. Purposes relating to the agreement or business relationship or possible agreement or business relationships between the parties.
- c. Payment of invoices.
- d. Complying with the Connecting Africa's regulatory and other obligations; and
- e. Any other reasonably required purpose relating to the Connecting Africa business.



## **Appendix 2: Part 2 - Categories of Data Subjects and Categories of Personal Information relating thereto**

### **Employees**

- a. Name and contact details
- b. Identity number and identity documents including passports
- c. Employment history and references
- d. Banking and financial details
- e. Details of payments to third parties (deductions from salary)
- f. Employment contracts
- g. Employment equity plans
- h. Medical aid records
- i. Pension Fund records
- j. Remuneration/salary records
- k. Performance appraisals
- l. Disciplinary records
- m. Leave records
- n. Training records

### **Clients and prospective clients (which may include employees)**

- a. Postal and/or street address
- b. title and name
- c. Contact numbers and/or e-mail address
- d. employment history
- e. age
- f. gender
- g. marital status
- h. nationality
- i. language
- j. financial information
- k. identity or passport number

### **Vendors /suppliers /other businesses:**

- a. Name and contact details
- b. Identity and/or company information and directors' information
- c. Banking and financial information
- d. Information about products or services
- e. Other information not specified, reasonably required to be processed for business operations

## **Appendix 2: Part 3 - Recipients of Personal Information**

- a. Any firm, organisation or person that the Connecting Africa uses to collect payments and recover debts or to provide a service on its behalf.
- b. Any firm, organisation or person that/who provides the Connecting Africa with products or services.
- c. Any payment system the Connecting Africa uses.
- d. Regulatory and governmental authorities or ombudsmen, or other authorities, including tax authorities, where Connecting Africa has a duty to share information.
- e. Third parties to whom payments are made on behalf of employees.
- f. Financial institutions from whom payments are received on behalf of data subjects.
- g. Any other operator not specified.
- h. Employees, contractors and temporary staff; and
- i. Agents.

## **Appendix 2: Part 4 – Cross border transfers of Personal Information**

Personal Information may be transmitted transborder to Connecting Africa's suppliers in other countries, and Personal Information may be stored in data servers hosted outside South Africa, which may not have adequate data protection laws. Connecting Africa will endeavour to ensure that its dealers and suppliers will make all reasonable efforts to secure said data and Personal Information.

## **Appendix 2: Part 5 – Description of information security measures**

Connecting Africa undertakes to institute and maintain the data protection measures to accomplish the following objectives outlined below. The details given are to be interpreted as examples of how to achieve an adequate data protection level for each objective. Connecting Africa may use alternative measures and adapt to technological security development, as needed, provided that the objectives are achieved.

### **1. Access Control of Persons**

Connecting Africa shall implement suitable measures in order to prevent unauthorized persons from gaining access to the data processing equipment where the data are processed.

### **2. Data Media Control**

Connecting Africa undertakes to implement suitable measures to prevent the unauthorized manipulation of media, including reading, copying, alteration or removal of the data media used by Connecting Africa and containing personal data of Customers.

### **3. Data Memory Control**

Connecting Africa undertakes to implement suitable measures to prevent unauthorized input into data memory and the unauthorised reading, alteration or deletion of stored data.

### **4. User Control**

Connecting Africa shall implement suitable measures to prevent its data processing systems from being used by unauthorised persons by means of data transmission equipment.

**5. Access Control to Data**

Connecting Africa represents that the persons entitled to use Connecting Africa's data processing system are only able to access the data within the scope and to the extent covered by their respective access permissions (authorisation).

**6. Transmission Control**

Connecting Africa shall be obliged to enable the verification and tracing of the locations / destinations to which the personal information is transferred by utilization of Connecting Africa's data communication equipment / devices.

**7. Transport Control**

Connecting Africa shall implement suitable measures to prevent Personal Information from being read, copied, altered or deleted by unauthorized persons during the transmission thereof or during the transport of the data media.

**8. Organisation Control**

Connecting Africa shall maintain its internal organisation in a manner that meets the requirements of this Manual.

### Appendix 3: Objection to the Processing of Personal Information in terms of Section 11(3) of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013

#### Regulations Relating to The Protection of Personal Information, 2018

**Note:**

- 1 Affidavits or other documentary evidence as applicable in support of the objection may be attached.
- 2 If the space provided for in this Form is inadequate, submit information as an Annexure to this Form and sign each page.
- 3 Complete as is applicable

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| <b>A</b>  | <b>DETAILS OF DATA SUBJECT</b>   |
| Name(s) and surname/ registered name of data subject: |  |
| Unique Identifier/ Identity Number                    |  |
| Residential, postal or business address:              |  |
| Contact number(s):                                    |  |
| Fax number / E-mail address:                          |  |
| <b>B</b>  | <b>DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY</b>  |
| Name(s) and surname/ registered name of data subject: |  |
| Residential, postal or business address:              |  |
| Contact number(s):                                    |  |
| Fax number / E-mail address:                          |  |
| <b>C</b>  | <b>REASONS FOR OBJECTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 11(1)(d) to (f) (Please provide detailed reasons for the objection)</b> |
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Signed at ..... this ..... day of .....20...

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Signature of data subject/designated person

**Appendix 4: Request for Correction or Deletion of Personal Information or Destroying or Deletion of Record of Personal Information in terms of Section 24(1) of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013**

**Regulations Relating to the Protection of Personal Information, 2018**

[Regulation 3]

**Note:**

1. Affidavits or other documentary evidence as applicable in support of the request may be attached.
2. If the space provided for in this Form is inadequate, submit information as an Annexure to this Form and sign each page.
3. Complete as is applicable.

Mark the appropriate box with an "x".

Request for:

- ☐ Correction or deletion of the personal information about the data subject which is in possession or under the control of the responsible party.
- ☐ Destroying or deletion of a record of personal information about the data subject which is in possession or under the control of the responsible party and who is no longer authorised to retain the record of information

| <b>A</b>  | <b>DETAILS OF DATA SUBJECT</b>      |
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| Name(s) and surname/ registered name of data subject: |                                     |
| Unique Identifier/ Identity Number                    |                                     |
| Residential, postal or business address:              |                                     |
| Contact number(s):                                    |                                     |
| Fax number / E-mail address:                          |                                     |
| <b>B</b>  | <b>DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY</b> |
| Name(s) and surname/ registered name of data subject: |                                     |
| Residential, postal or business address:              |                                     |

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| Contact number(s): |  |
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| Fax number / E-mail address: |   |
| <b>C</b>                     | <b>Reasons for Objection in Terms of Section 11(1)(D) to (F) (Please Provide Detailed Reasons for The Objection)</b>  |
|                              |   |
| <b>D</b>                     | <b>Reasons for *Correction or Deletion of the Personal Information about the Data Subject in Terms of Section 24(1)(a) which is in Possession or Under the Control of the Responsible Party; and or Reasons for *Destruction or Deletion of a Record of Personal Information about the Data Subject in Terms of Section 24(1)(b) which the Responsible Party is no longer Authorised to Retain. (Please Provide Detailed Reasons for the Request)</b> |

