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Our Ref: RI/200417/SAHA

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Dear Mr Sir/Madam

REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORDS: LIST OF ALL ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE APPLIED FOR LICENSES TO OPERATE REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFTS (OR DRONES) IN TERMS OF THE 2015 AMENDMENTS TO THE CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS

Your request for information in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA) has reference.

In terms of the said request, you require the following:

- *list of all organisations and individuals that have applied for licenses to operate remotely piloted aircrafts (or drones) in terms of the 2015 amendments to the civil aviation regulations; and*
- *a list of licenses issued subsequent to the applications referred to above, including the types of licenses issued in each instance as well as any specific terms and conditions attached to each particular license issued.*

In regard to bullet number 1 above, I have considered your request and I also note that your request relates to lists of multiple organisations and individuals, whose details were submitted to SACAA confidentially and as such, remain confidential information. We wish to specifically point out the following:

- (i) that individual names fall within the definition of personal information and cannot be disclosed as such. In terms of section 34 of PAIA, mandatory

Board Members: Mr Smunda Mokoena (Chairperson); Professor Ntombizozuko Dyani-Mhango; Major-General Nhlanhla Lucky Job Ngema; Ms Lizeka Dlepu; Ms Doris Dondur; Mr Mongezi India;
DCA: Ms Poppy Khoza; **Company Secretary:** Ms Nivashnee Naraindath

protection is afforded to the protection of privacy of a third party who is a natural person. As such my office cannot provide you with a list of the individuals as all applications remain confidential and we do not have the consent to release the names of individuals.

- (ii) with regard to organisations section 37 of PAIA is applicable and provides for the mandatory protection of certain confidential information, and protection of certain other confidential informational, of third party. All organisations applications were also disclosed in confidence and cannot be released.

PAIA does make provision in terms of section 48 for representation and consent by third parties. SACAA however will not be invoking section 48 as it will result in a substantial and unreasonable diversion of resources, as alluded to in section 45 (b) of PAIA.

In regard to bullet number 2 of your request, we have assimilated statistical information from our Technical Divisions records and we hope that this information can be of use.

The below statistical data refers to RPAS developments since the promulgation of Part 101:

Number of SACAA issued RPAS approvals

Type of Approval	Total issued
a. Certificate of Registration (C of R)	a. 494
b. Remotely Piloted License (RPL)	b. 471

c. RPAS Letter of Approval (RLA)	c. 60
d. RPAS Training Organizations (RTO)	d. 7
e. RPAS Operator Certificate (ROC)	e. 13
f. Miscellaneous/Other Operational Approvals	
Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS – day & night operations)	1
Operations in Controlled Airspace	2
RPAS Transponder registration	2
Application for RMT	3

Lastly, you are informed that you have the right appeal this decision in terms of section 74 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act.

Yours faithfully



MS N NARAINDATH
Deputy Information Officer
Date: 9/06/2017