

## **Brightwave Technologies (Pty) Ltd**

Brightwave Technologies (Pty) is a new age telecoms and broadband network and services company that has become synonymous with the provision of affordable broadband services and a champion of South Africa Connect – the National Broadband Policy.

Brightwave aims to provide mass universal internet access in a sustainable manner and cost-effective broadband connectivity to the underserved and underserved populations in South Africa, mostly in Township and rural areas as we believe connectivity is more of a utility, a basic necessity and right for people to have.

Brightwave track record includes:

- built over 400 hotspots in Soweto and a network that covers schools, hospitals, clinics, parks, restaurants, taverns, spaza shops, saloons and bus stops.
- provides Soweto residents with 200MB of free data per day per device.
- are proud to be the first company to roll out the first data centre in a township which was commissioned beginning of July 2016 in the heart of Soweto which will enable residents within the environs of the centre to benefit from multiple cloud solutions.
- is offering hosting services at affordable rates to entrepreneurs. The data centre will also enable SMME's to have access to Brightwave's cloud based business applications such as Microsoft in a box at a low cost that will enable them to transact more efficiently with their customers and also give access to essential services such as banking.
- will offer access to quality voice services to consumers that are zero rated for on-net calls within Soweto and very low cost if they breakout of Soweto or call other service providers
- also aims to increase its offering to cover the more than 350,000 households in Soweto and other townships.
- message to the people in the township is simple, fast, affordable good user experience quality internet is no longer a myth or a preserve of those with means

- is currently deploying a network with support from USAASA – the South African universal service fund—in King Sabata Dalindyebo Local Municipality (pop. 451,710) and Mhlontlo Local Municipality (pop. 188,226) in the Eastern Cape Province. This network will deliver internet access to 640,000 people, including 213,000 primary and secondary students

Furthermore, Brightwave is creating jobs; within Brightwave itself there are 50 permanent staff and beyond that Brightwave has a co-operative model where we are working with local businesses to develop mini ISPs. We provide them with five field agents each at our cost who we train and commission; thus far Brightwave has created sustainable employment for over 100 people.

Brightwave has enabled access to communities in deep rural environments enabling a broad spectrum of services from affordable access to the masses via Hotspot consumer broadband, residential and SME services over managed private in-premises Wi-Fi networks hitherto considered the preserve of the wealthy in society.