



## THE "PANAMA PAPERS" WAKEUP CALL

The Panama Papers disaster is a well predicted communication breach, playing off against the backdrop of the advancement of globalised digital and technological development. This breach, resulting in the leakage of 17 million documents, has had global ramifications, directly affecting a wide spectrum of role-players from major corporate institutions to SME enterprises, individuals and business owners. Furthermore, not only has it given way to the devastation of several companies and executives, but it has also resulted in criminal actions including money laundering, racketeering and corruption.

The severity of the security breach must not be underestimated due to the fact that there is already a globalised trend of proven breaches of communication security where complete data bases of clients, accounting details, sales and customer relations are being hijacked on a regular basis. A recent example includes the correspondence of board meetings amongst board members being intercepted and sold to competitors.

Can you as a national or international business entrepreneur, representing a corporate institution or your own business, afford not to take note of these communication breaches? Ask yourself, are you protected? In the midst of this security breach, directors and executives will have to re-prioritize digital and information security and realize that a single breach can ruin a company. It therefore necessitates a total refocus by the executive, to address this extraordinary sophisticated trend.

In current research in South Africa, numerous incidents of security breaches have been identified, but the majority was fortunately contained and addressed and thus not leaked to the media. Should it have been leaked to the media, the company under threat could have suffered major financial losses.

**Advanced Corporate Solutions (ACS)** has over 21 years' experience in communication security, specializing in technical and digital surveillance counter measures and information security. Due to the high threat of digital and information security it has expanded its expertise to engage international counterparts to assist in the onslaught of information security.

If you are concerned about your company's Intellectual Property (IP) vulnerabilities, please contact ACS to assist you in doing a vulnerability assessment, consisting of Electronic Counter Measure Investigations (ECMI) / Technical Surveillance Counter Measures (TSCM), Mobile Technology and Information Security Risk Assessment. Allow ACS to put forward a tailor-made solution to address possible shortcomings and prevent the next "Panama-Papers" scandal.

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