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NOTICE 1190 OF 2009



Independent Communications Authority of South Africa
Pinmill Farm, 164 Katherine Street, Sandton
Private Bag X10002, Sandton, 2146

NOTICE ON THE AUTHORITY'S INTENTION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE SECOND DRAFT TERRESTRIAL BROADCASTING FREQUENCY PLAN 2008

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("The Authority") hereby invites the public to attend public hearings in relation to the Second Draft Terrestrial Broadcasting Frequency Plan 2008. The Public Hearings will be held as follows:

Date: 15 to 17 September 2009

**Venue: ICASA
Block C Presentation Room
Pinmill Farm, 164 Katherine Street
Sandton
2146**

Time: 9H00 to 17H00

In October 2008 the Authority published a draft terrestrial broadcasting frequency plan in the Government Gazette no: 31501, notice (No 1272) for public comments. In terms of the notice (No 1272) interested parties were invited to make written comments to the draft plan, by no later than 16h00 on 21 November 2008. This date was subsequently extended to 16 January 2009. The Authority received 14 responses to the published draft terrestrial broadcasting frequency plan document.

Interested stakeholders were invited to a two day workshop on the broadcasting frequency plan which was held on 11 and 12 March 2009 at the Protea Hotel Balalaika, Sandton. The workshop sought to further brainstorm on a range of key regulatory and technical issues.

On 6 July 2009 the Authority published the Second draft terrestrial broadcasting frequency plan in the Government Gazette no: 32385, notice (No 960) for public comments. The closing date for written representations was 25 July 2009. The Authority intends holding Public Hearings in this regard. Each stakeholder is required to make a (45) minutes presentation as depicted in the agenda below.

Subsequent to the above consultative process, the Plan, document structure; and other issues were thoroughly canvassed and the position was clearly articulated on the second draft Terrestrial Broadcasting Frequency Plan 2008.

Area of consultation

Only stakeholders who made written submissions on the second draft broadcasting frequency plan 2008 have been allocated time to make presentations. The authority request that, the presentation be channelled to specifically address the following pertinent areas for a final Terrestrial broadcasting Frequency Plan and clearly articulate technical pertinent issues:

- Articulation on the impact of your proposed changes in relation to other stakeholder's submissions;
- Re-categorisation of MW frequencies ;
- Transmission strategy or approach for new and existing Frequencies in the Northern cape in compliance with the AGA act (Act no. 21 of 2007) by 2015;
- Immediate SKA specific needs;
- Multiplex 3 creation and dividend expectations;
- Co-existence of Mobile TV standards(e.g. DVB-H and DMB);
- Other Pertinent issues.

Please note that all written submissions on the second draft terrestrial broadcasting frequency plan 2008 are available on the Authority's website www.icasa.org.za and at the Authority's Library.

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Chairperson
Independent Communications Authority Of South Africa

Day One: 15 September 2009

Chairperson: Councillor Robert Nkuna

Action	Speaker/Organization	Time
1. Opening & welcome	Councillor Nkuna	8:45 – 9:00
2. Presentations	Sentech	9:00 – 10:00
Tea/Coffee		
3.	SABC	10:15 - 11:15
4.	E-TV	11:15 – 12:15
5.	MNET and Orbicom	12:15 – 13:15
Lunch		
6.	SA Square KM Array Project	14:00 – 15:00
7	Radio Pulpit and Radio Veritas,	15:00 -- 16:00
8.	On Digital Media	16:00 – 17:00
9. Closure	Councillor Brenda Ntombela	17:00

Day Two: 16 September 2009

Chairperson: Councillor Robert Nkuna

Action	Speaker/Organization	Time
1. Opening & welcome	Councillor Nkuna	8:45 – 9:00
2. Presentations	Telkom	9:00 – 10:00
Tea/Coffee		
3.	Neotel	10:15 - 11:15
4.	Vodacom	11:15 – 12:15
5.	Cell-C	12:15 – 13:15
Lunch		
6.	Ericson	14:00 – 15:00
7	WowTV	15:00 -- 16:00
8.	Smile	16:00 – 17:00
9. Closure	Councillor Brenda Ntombela	17:00

Day Two: 17 September 2009**Chairperson:** Councillor Robert Nkuna

Action	Speaker/Organization	Time
1. Opening & welcome	Councillor Ntombela	8:45 - 9:00
2. Presentations	QUALCOMM	9:00 - 10:00
Tea		
3.	ISPA	10:15 - 11:15
4.	ACB	11:15 - 12:15
5.	Super Media	12:15 - 13:15
6.	All Media	13:15 - 14:15
7. Way Forward and Closure	Councillor Robert Nkuna	14:15

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