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Attention: Mr Manyapelo Richard Makgotlho
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Dear Dr Mncube,

Re: Written Submission on the Draft Update of the Terrestrial Broadcasting Frequency Plan 2013

This submission is made by SKA South Africa in response to the invitation to make written representations on the Draft Update of the Terrestrial Broadcasting Frequency Plan 2013, as published in the Government Gazette No. 36129 on 4 February 2013.

1. A detailed submission consisting of 15 pages is attached hereto.
2. This submission is very important and critical as it addresses the greatest radio frequency interference risks that the SKA radio telescope to be located in the Northern Cape Province faces.
3. There has been substantial expansion to frequency assignments in the Draft Update compared to that in the Final Terrestrial Broadcasting Frequency Plan 2008.
4. The new Broadcasting Digital Frequency Assignments in the Northern Cape Province seems to be in contradiction to the intensions of the Broadcasting Digital Migration Policy published on 17 February 2012.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this contribution.

Regards

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