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**Ref: 17/2/2/1-CASE NUMBER: 525/2026**

**Mr. Venesen Reddy**
**Legal Representative: Democratic Alliance (DA)**

Dear Mr. Reddy

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**DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA) V 19 BROADCASTING SERVICE LICENSEES**
**CASE NUMBER: 525/2026**

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The above matter has reference.

1. On 26 October 2026, the Democratic Alliance (DA) lodged an urgent elections complaint against 19 Broadcasting Licensees for investigation in terms of section 17B(a) of the Independent Communications authority of South Africa Act No. 13 of 2000 read with Regulation 6 of the Regulations Governing Aspects of the CCC 2010 (as amended).

2.1 DA alleges that the 19 Broadcasting Service Licensees namely: Alfred Nzo, Eden FM, Inanda FM, Ingwane FM, Iswe Lomzanzi, Jozi FM, Modiri FM, Motsweding FM, Lonene FM, New Castle Community Radio, Radio 2000, Radio Al Ansaar, Rhodes Music Radio, Isajonisi Youth Radio, Star FM, Umhlobo Wenene, Unitra Community Radio, Valley FM and Westside FM contravened the following:

2.1.1 **Regulation 4(12)(b)** of the Municipal Elections Party Elections Broadcasts and Political Advertisements Regulations, 2011, as amended ("Regulations");

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M Ramusi (Chairperson), T Faye, Dr. C Lewis, A Matseke, Dr. TJ Maumela, K Mohale, C Mushi, N Nontombana,
N Sithole (Councillors), T Maluleka – Disemelo (CEO)

2.1.2 **Regulation 4(20),** insofar as interference with the prescribed schedule is established; and, alternatively, with **Regulation 4(21),** where a transmission breakdown is established, and the applicable consultation and replacement-broadcast obligations were not met.

3. The CCC adjudicated the matter on 27 October 2026.

4. As a result, CCC made the following findings:

4.1 The proposed settlement agreement to resolve the complaint lodged by the DA is not acceptable under Regulation 4A(4) of the CCC Regulations.

4.2 It is recommended that the application by the DA to deal with the matter on an extreme urgency basis is dismissed.

4.3 The Chairperson will issue a directive within 5 days on the consideration of the alleged non-compliance, including directions for the:

4.3.1 submission of responses to the Complaint by all affected BSLs, including supplementing existing responses where necessary
4.3.2 submission of a supplementary reply by the Complainant; and
4.3.3 If necessary, the convening of hearings into the allegations of non-compliance in accordance with the relevant regulations.

4.4. In the exercise of its powers in terms of section 17B(b)(i), the CCC recommends that the authority consider the possibility of incorporating the provision of remedial broadcasts, as a practical remedy for the benefit of a Political Party or Independent Candidate whose PEB was not broadcast during the broadcast period for a reason other than a breakdown in transmission, to ensure that such Party or Candidate is not deprived of an opportunity to reach voters. It is recommended that, should such a framework be considered, it must necessarily be coupled with the requisite safeguards.

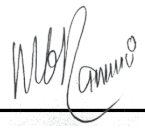
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5. In terms of section 17E (2) of the ICASA Act the CCC recommends the following orders to be issued by the Authority, namely— The application by the DA to deal with the matter on an extreme urgency basis is dismissed.

6. On 29 October 2026, the Council of ICASA approved the recommendations of the CCC as indicated in paragraph 4 and 5 above, having considered the reasons advanced by CCC in their judgment.

7. For your attention, the judgment of the Authority is attached and marked as Annexure "A".

Yours Sincerely,



**Mr. Mothibi G. Ramusi**

**Chairperson**

**Date:** 29 **/** 10 **/2026**

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