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Attention: Mr Manyaapelo Richard Makgotlho Per email: <u>rmakgotlho@icasa.org.za</u> CC: jdikgale@icasa.org.za

Dear Mr Makgotlho,

## SECOND DRAFT RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM ASSIGNMENT PLAN FOR THE IMT850 BAND

- Liquid Telecommunications South Africa (Pt) Ltd t/a Liquid Intelligent Technologies ("Liquid") refers to the Second draft radio frequency spectrum assignment plan for the IMT850 band ("the Draft IMT850 RFSAP") as published by the Authority on 20 February 2023.
- 2. Liquid wishes to express its continued gratitude to the Authority for its constructive engagement in respect of Liquid's assignment in this band.
- 3. It is Liquid's belief that the position advanced by the Draft IMT850 RFSAP stands to benefit both affected operators, their subscribers and South African consumers generally.
- 4. Liquid concurs with the Authority's views on the legal framework to be applied in the implementation of the final IMT850 RFSAP and would welcome the migration of its legacy IMT50 assignment to the destination band<sup>1</sup> more fully set out in the Draft IMT850 RFSAP.
- 5. The migration of Liquid's legacy IMT850 assignment will ameliorate the longstanding commercial prejudice suffered by it over a period of more than ten years resulting from its inability to fully utilise and exploit its legacy 850MHz assignment.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Destination band of 2 x 5MHz in IMT900, extending from 900-905MHz.

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6. Liquid confirms its availability and willingness to participate in all further public participation processes relating to the IMT850 RFSAP.

Yours faithfully

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**Chief Corporate Affairs Officer** 

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