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Dear Mr. Spies

BROADCASTING COMPLIANCE UNIT (BCU) V PRETORIA FM – CASE NUMBER: 492/2025

The above matter has reference.

1. On 7 February 2025, Broadcasting Compliance Unit (BCU) lodged a complaint against Pretoria FM for investigation in terms of section 17B(a) of the Independent Communications authority of South Africa Act No. 13 of 2000.

2.1 BCU alleges that Pretoria FM contravened the following:

2.1.1 **Regulation 10A(3) of the Standard Terms and Conditions for Class Licences of 2016** which states that: *"A station must clearly identify itself at intervals of not more than thirty (30) minutes".*

2.1.2 **Regulation 10(1) of the Community Broadcasting Services Regulations of 2019** which states that: *"Majority of programmes, news bulletins and current affairs broadcast by a community broadcasting service must be local originating programmes".*

3. The CCC adjudicated the matter on 13 August 2025 and 10 July 2026 and Pretoria FM is found to have contravened:

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3.1. **Regulation 10A(3) of the Standard Terms and Conditions Regulations for Class Licences of 2016** in that the stations affiliated to Pretoria FM failed to identify themselves by name at intervals of 30 minutes. Instead, Pretoria FM identified itself in respect of all its radio stations.

3.2. **Regulation 10(1) of the Community Broadcasting Services Regulations of 2019** in that the majority of its programmes, including news bulletins, current affairs and other programmes do not originate locally. Instead, the programming for Pretoria FM and its various stations is identical.

4. As a result, CCC recommended the following order be issued to Pretoria FM that:

4.1. Pretoria FM desists from any further contravention of the Regulations as set out in the Charge Sheet.

4.2. Pretoria FM takes the following remedial measures:

4.2.1. Within one (1) month of the issue of this Order, ensures that each affiliate stations namely: Radio Wolkberg, Radio Ysterberg, Radio Kransberg, Radio Naboom, Radio Dagbreek, Radio Tafelkop and Radio Magaliesberg, complies with Regulation 10A (3) in that each station is to clearly identify itself at intervals of 30 minutes.

4.2.2. Within one (1) month of the issue of this Order, the Licensee shall ensure that each affiliate station namely: Radio Wolkberg, Radio Ysterberg, Radio Kransberg, Radio Naboom, Radio Dagbreek, Radio Tafelkop and Radio Magaliesberg, complies with Regulation 10(1) which reads thus: "Majority of programmes, news bulletins and current affairs broadcast by a community broadcasting service must be local originating programmes."

4.3. Within one (1) month of the issue of this Order, all seven (7) radio stations namely: Radio Wolkberg, Radio Ysterberg, Radio Kransberg, Radio Naboom, Radio Dagbreek, Radio Tafelkop and Radio Magaliesberg, shall operate as separate and independent radio stations within their respective licensed coverage areas to comply with Regulations 10A (3) and 10(1).

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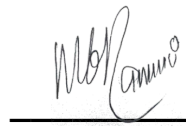
4.4. For a period of 24 months, after the issue of this Order, Pretoria FM shall submit to ICASA, every three months, a report confirming its compliance with this Order.

4.5. Pretoria FM pay an amount of seven hundred thousand rands (R700 000.00) as a fine, amounting to one hundred thousand rands (R100 000.00) per station payable within six (6) months from date of this Order.

5. On 20 October 2026, the Council of ICASA approved the recommendations of the CCC as indicated in paragraph 4 above, having considered the reasons advanced by CCC in their judgment.

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

Yours Sincerely,



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