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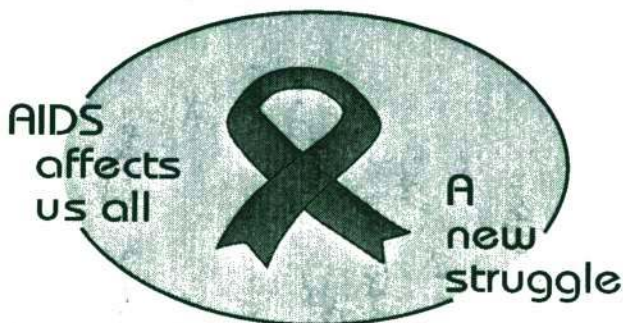
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NOTICE 289 OF 2000

SOUTH AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE FREQUENCY SPECTRUM LICENCES OF VODACOM GROUP (Pty) Ltd AND MOBILE TELEPHONE NETWORKS (Pty) Ltd ("MTN")

By virtue of the powers conferred upon the South African Telecommunications Regulatory Authority ("The Authority") in terms of sections 2, 5, 28, 29 and 30(6)(b) read in conjunction with section 30(7) of the Telecommunications Act, 1996, Act 103 of 1996 ("The Act") and pursuant to the procedure published in regulations G10A of Government gazette No. 19180 of 24 August 1998, the Authority hereby-

- (a) gives notice of its intention to amend the frequency spectrum licences issued to Vodacom Group (Pty) Ltd and MTN (Pty) Ltd to use Radio Frequency Spectrum under section 30 with respect to the cellular telecommunications service only.
- (b) notes that whereas Vodacom Group (Pty) Ltd is currently assigned the Radio Frequency Spectrum 890.2 - 900.0 / 935.2 - 945.0 MHz and MTN (Pty) Ltd is currently assigned the Radio Frequency Spectrum 903.8 - 913.6 / 948.8 - 958.6 MHz in the 900 MHz band only in terms of the Register of Assignments, Vodacom Group (Pty) Ltd and MTN (Pty) Ltd have now requested SATRA to amend their respective licences to enable them to have access to the 1800 MHz radio frequency spectrum band.
- (c) gives notice that written representations in this regard from members of the public should be made available to SATRA no later than **14 February 2000**, during office hours of the Authority (**8:30 - 16:30**) for the attention of Potsane Malebanye (Pr Eng.), Head of Radiocommunications Licensing Department, SATRA, Private Bag X1 Marlboro 2063 or hand delivered for the attention of: Head of Department, Radiocommunications Licensing, SATRA Block A, Pin Mill Farm, 164 Katherine Street, Sandton or e-mail to **Malep@SATRA.gov.za**.

- (d) advises that should SATRA receive written submissions, SATRA shall hold a public hearing in respect thereof. SATRA will determine the need for such public hearings on the basis of the need for further clarification of written representation or where the need for such oral representation is expressed within the written representations received. The Authority may also conduct an on-site investigation for the purpose of satisfying itself about the desirability of the proposed amendment. In the event that SATRA determines that such a public hearing is required it will be held on **14 March 2000 at 09:00 hours** in SATRA Auditorium Block B, Pin Mill Farm, 164 Katherine Street, Sandton.
- (e) advises that after considering representations made in terms of item (d) hereof together with any relevant information, the Authority shall make a decision and communicate the same to all interested parties.

MR HNL MAEPA, PrEng, PE, FSAAE
CHAIRPERSON - SATRA

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