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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

APPLICATION BY SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (SABC) TO AMEND SABC 2 & 3, IKWEKWEZI FM AND THE INCLUSION OF SELF-HELP STATIONS

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa gives notice, in accordance with section 52 (2) of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act, No. 153 of 1993, that an application has been received in terms of section 52 (1) (C) for amendments to the South African Broadcasting Corporation's (SABC) licence. The amendment if granted, would result in the following:

1. SABC TV 2

The SABC would permanently switch-off the transmitter at Kleinmond in the Western Cape. The switch off is as a result of the installation of the self-help stations operated by the municipality, which broadcast SABC 1,2 3, M-NET and e-tv.

2. SABC TV 3

The SABC would close down three of the existing Mmabatho TV transmitters viz: Mmabatho, Madikana and Itsoseng. The transmitters would be substituted by other two new transmitters at **Zeerust (100KW ERP) and Enzelsberg (2kW ERP).**

3. IKWEKWEZI FM

The SABC intends to resolve the interference at the Middleburg transmitter of Ikwekwezi FM on 91.8 FM by making the following technical amendments:

- 3.1 Change the Thobela FM Frequency at Thabazimbi from 91.9 MHz to 92.1 MHz to eliminate the interference in Middleburg;
- 3.2 Change the Ikwekwezi FM Frequency at Menio Park from 92.1 MHz to 93.6 MHz because 92.1 MHz is co-channel with the Thobela FM frequency at Thabazimbi.
- 3.3 Change the Ikwekwezi FM frequency at Nylstroom from 93.6 MHz to 90.6MHz because 93.6MHz is co-channel with the changed Ikwekwezi

FM frequency at Menlo Park. The current 90.5MHz spare at Nylstroom is co-channel with Sunnyside, and should be removed.

3.4 Change the Motsweding FM frequency at Pankop from 92.2 MHz to 95.4 MHz because 92.2 MHz is in the adjacent channel to the new Thobela FM frequency at Thabazimbi.

4. SELF-HELP STATIONS

The application is intended to expand the SABC's broadcasting services including Bop TV, Radio Sonder Grense and Radio 2000 by way of self-help relay stations as set out in the Schedule below.

The self-help stations would provide a service to areas that are not covered by the national public service broadcasting network. In most cases, the self-help stations proposed are additions to existing sites in order to expand the number of services available in that area.

SCHEDULE

STATION NAME	PROGRAMME	FREQUENCY MHz	ERP (WATTS)
1. BRANDVLEI	RADIO SONDERBRESE	88.80	6
2. BRANDVELEI	SABC 1	759.25	6
3. BRANDVLEI	SABC3	791.25	6
4. CARLTONVILLE W/D/LVL	BPO TV	527.25	8
5. CEZA	SABC 1	479.25	40
6. CEZA	SABC 2	511.25	40
7. CEZA	SABC 3	543.25	40
8. DIBENG	SABC 3	735.25	8 -
9. DORDGRECHT	SABC 1	495.25	8
10. DORDRECHT	SABC 2	527.25	8
11. DORDRECHT	SABC 3	559.25	8
12. GROBLERSHOOP	SABC 3	175.25	60
13. HEIDELBERG KP	RADIO 2000	92.10	4
14. HEIDELBERG KP	SABC 3	495.25	4
15. HLOBANE COLLIERY	SABC 1	527.25	6
16. HLOBANE COLLIERY	SABC	559.25	6
17. HLOBANE COLLIERY	SABC 3	591.25	6
18. HOTAZEL	SABC 3	639.25	50
19. KLIPPLAAT	SABC 1	475.25	8
20. KILPPLAAT	SABC 2	511.25	8
21. KLIPPLAAT	SABC 3	543.25	8
22. NORTHAM ZONDERREINDE	SABC 3	495.25	50
23. PLETT BAYWITTEDRIF	SABC 1	607.25	4

Interested parties are invited to submit written representations in relation to the application to the Licensing Department of the Authority at Block D, Pinmill Farm, 164 Kathrine Street, Sandton, Johannesburg OR Private Bag X10002, Sandton 2146 OR by fax no: (011) 448-2186 within twenty-one (21) days of the date of publication of this notice.

Persons who submit representations in terms hereof shall, when submitting such representations, provide proof to the satisfaction of the Authority that a copy of the representations has been sent by registered post to Trevor Evans, General Manager: Technical Liaison, SABC Radio Park, Henly Road, Auckland Park, 2092 OR Private Bag X1 Auckland Park, 2006 OR by fax to No: (011) 714-2204.

The application, relevant Schedules and any written representations received pursuant thereto are available for inspection by any interested parties during office hours of the Authority.

The effective date of the amendment would be the date on which the Authority's decision on the applicant would be published.

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