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GENERAL NOTICE

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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA (ICASA)

NOTICE REGARDING THE REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS OF THE AUTHORITY ON THE WESTERN CAPE (LICENCE AREA 46A) AND NON-COMPETING APPLICANTS IN WESTERN CAPE, GAUTENG AND KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCES' FOUR-YEAR COMMUNITY SOUND BROADCASTING AND SIGNAL DISTRIBUTION LICENCE APPLICATIONS.

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) hereby gives notice in terms of section 42(6) of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act no. 153 of 1993, as amended, that the reasons for its decisions on applications for (four-year) Community Sound Broadcasting and Signal Distribution Licences received in Western Cape (Licence area 46A) and non-competing applicants in Western Cape, Gauteng and Kwazulu Natal provinces are available at its library at Block D, Pinmill Farm, no. 164 Katherine Street, Sandton, Johannesburg during the hours 10h00 to 16h30 or on the Authority's website i.e. www.icasa.org.za.

DECISION: SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION'S (SABC) APPLICATION TO AMEND ITS BROADCASTING LICENCE IN RESPECT OF SABC 2 FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE TRANSMITTER AT KLEINMOND.

The Authority further hereby gives notice of its decision in terms of section 52 (2) of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act 153 of 1993, as amended that the Authority refused the SABC's application to close the transmitter at Kleinmond for the transmission of SABC 2.

The Authority considered the following reasons for its decision:

- The SABC as a public Broadcaster has an obligation to provide broadcasting service to the members of the public across all social and economic strata including the historically disadvantaged groups.
- If the SABC closes the transmitter at Kleinmond, about 8147 people in the area will not receive the SABC 2 signal, particularly those in the outskirts of Kleinmond area.

The SABC is therefore required to switch on the transmitter at Kleinmond so that the viewers in Kleinmond can receive the SABC 2 signal.

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