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#### **INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA (ICASA)**

**Notice of applications received from Applicants for the 51% equity stake of the Second National Operator pursuant to an Expression of Interest issued by the Minister of Communications on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2003.**

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (the Authority) hereby gives notice that the applications listed below were received on the 26 of June 2003 in response to the Invitation to express interest for the allocation of the 51% equity stake of the Second National Operator issued by the Minister of Communications.

The applications received were as follows:

- 1. Two Consortium**
- 2. CommuniTel**

The Authority would like to further announce that in keeping with its mandate to conduct an open, public and transparent process it intends to invite members of the public and the applicants alike to come and inspect these applications and will thereafter hold hearings on each application. This public licensing process will be conducted in terms of the attached schedule as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Project Phase</u>	<u>Deliverables</u>
1. Monday. 30 June 2003.	Submitted applications will be made available for public inspection.	Members of the public and the applicants alike will be afforded an opportunity to make written representations on the applications.
2. Friday. 04 July 2003.	Closing date for written representations on the applications.	Comments on the applications will be received.
3. Monday. 07 July 2003.	Publication of the written representations.	Applicants and the public will have an opportunity to view and inspect all the written representations made.
4. Thursday. 10 July 2003.	Closing date for the replies.	Replies from the applicants on both the public representations and the Consultants report will have to be filed with ICASA by this date.
5. Friday. 11 July 2003.	Publication of the replies.	Members of the public will again be afforded an opportunity to inspect the replies from applicants.
6. Thursday. 17 July 2003.	First day of public hearings.	The first applicant will be allocated a full day to present their application and to answer questions related to their application.
7. Friday. 18 July 2003.	Second day of public hearings.	The second applicant will be allocated a full day to present their application and to answer questions related to their application.
8. Wednesday 30 July 2003.	Publication of Consultants report.	A report containing an analysis of each application setting out strengths and weaknesses of each applicant will be issued for public inspection and comments.
9. Monday. 04 August 2003.	Closing date for comments on the Consultants report.	Comments from the public and applicants will be received.
11. Friday. 15 August 2003.	Recommendation to the Minister.	A successful applicant will be recommended to the Minister.

A further document setting out the details of the public hearings and a post hearings timetable will be issued and gazetted in due course. All questions relating to this timetable and the intended hearings shall be addressed to Mr. Siyabonga Madyibi the SNO Project Director, Icasa, Private Bag X10002, Sandton, 2146, Facsimile (011) 448 2171, Tel (011) 321 8442 or cell 083 326 0833 or e-mail [smadyibi@icasa.org.za](mailto:smadyibi@icasa.org.za)

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