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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF THE DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL TELEVISION

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("ICASA") hereby, in accordance with Section 28 of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act, No.153 of 1993 ("the IBA Act"), publishes the Discussion Paper on The Inquiry into Regional Television.

The purpose of the Discussion Paper is to generate comment from all stakeholders on the introduction of Regional Television services in South Africa. The Discussion Paper's primary objectives are to:

- solicit public participation and input in developing the regulatory framework for Regional Television in South Africa; and
- generate discussion on the appropriate policy and licensing framework for the introduction of Regional Television.

The Discussion Paper briefly discusses the overarching policy principles or guidelines that necessitate the consideration of licensing broadcasting services at regional level, as well as the public, commercial and community aspects of licensing.

The Discussion Paper is divided into four sections. Section A sets out the guiding policy principles or framework for the introduction of Regional Television in South Africa and briefly discusses issues which apply to all three tiers of broadcasting. Section B investigates public Regional Television services and considers aspects such as enabling legislation, market demand and a proposed model for public Regional Television. Section C adopts a similar approach to Section B in investigating the potential introduction of commercial Regional Television services and a

proposed model for Commercial Regional Television. Section D focuses on community Regional Television services and raises some questions on how such services could be introduced.

Interested parties are invited to:

- (a) obtain from ICASA or from ICASA's website (www.icasa.org.za) a copy of the Discussion Paper; and
- (b) submit written representation by post, or fax, or e-mail or deliver by hand to:

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Any interested person or organisation who submits written representation should indicate whether they require an opportunity to make oral representations. Written representations, or requests for permission to make oral representations, received after the closing date may be disregarded.

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