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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF THE DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE INQUIRY INTO LOCAL 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 Local Television.

The purpose of the Discussion Paper is to generate comment from all stakeholders on issues surrounding the introduction of Local Television in South Africa.

The Discussion Paper's primary objectives are to:

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

The Discussion Paper is divided into four sections. Section A establishes the guiding policy principles or framework for the introduction of Local Television in South Africa. Section B investigates public Local Television broadcasting services, and considers aspects such as enabling legislation, market demand and a proposed model. Sections C and D adopt a similar approach to section B in that they investigate the potential introduction of community and commercial local television broadcasting services.

Interested parties are invited to:

 (a) obtain from ICASA or from ICASA's website (<u>www.icasa.org.za</u>) a copy of the Discussion Paper; and 4 No. 25377

(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.

The closing date for the receipt of representations is 29 September 2003 at 16h30.

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