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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 2350 OF 2003

INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA (ICASA)

INTRODUCTION:

1. INVITATION TO APPLY FOR COMMERCIAL SOUND BROADCASTING LICENCE: CAPITAL RADIO

- 1.1 The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) hereby gives notice that interested parties may apply for a commercial sound broadcasting licence in respect of Capital Radio. The station is currently off-air and its assets are in the possession of the Department of Communications (DoC). The sale of the assets is subject to the granting of a broadcasting licence by ICASA to the successful applicant and the payment of an amount of R6 million to the DoC by the successful applicant.
- 1.2 The assets of the station can be viewed at: Martin's Auctioneers, 35 Cato Square, Durban, 4001 and the Contact Person in this regard is: Messrs S Martin or D. Unterslack. The contact number: 031 332 9476.
- 1.3 Applicants are accordingly invited to apply for a broadcasting licence, in terms of sections 41 and 78 of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act, Act 153 of 1993, to provide a commercial sound broadcasting service in accordance with the particulars contained in the schedules hereunder.
- 1.4 Pursuant to the Act, ICASA hereby determines the form and manner of the Invitation as follows:
 - 1.4.1 Subject matter of this Invitation: Application for a commercial sound broadcasting licence of Capital Radio
 - 1.4.2 Number of licences : one commercial sound broadcasting licence
 - 1.4.3 Term of the licence: 6 years from the date of issue of the licence
 - 1.4.4 Applications shall be made by juristic persons incorporated under the laws of the Republic of South Africa (RSA) as contemplated under the Companies Act No. 61 of 1973.
 - 1.4.5 Applicants shall be responsible for the review and interpretation of the invitation, including all attachments. No liability shall accrue to the Authority if due to the applicant's failure to comply with such requirements, the application is rejected or disqualified by the Authority.

1.4.6 Each applicant shall be responsible for the assessment and analysis of the South African broadcasting market and the relevant regulatory environment. The Authority or its employees shall not be responsible for any disadvantage suffered by an applicant, prior to during or subsequent to the application process as a result of the inaccurate assessment and analysis of the South African broadcasting market or regulatory environment, or for any other reason whatsoever.

1.4.7 Application forms and the Position Paper on Commercial Sound Broadcasting Services are available at the Authority's Library, 164 Kathrine Street, Block D Pinmill Farm, during office hours or on the Authority's website www.icasa.org.za

1.4.8 A schedule of frequencies is attached below:

2. Schedule of the Application process

2.1 The Application process shall be conducted as follows:

Publication of Invitation	10 September 2003
Closure for Submission of Applications	09 December 2003
Public Hearing	1 March – 4 March 2004
Announcement / Gazetting of Decision	6 April 2004

3. Application fee and other costs relating to the application

3.1 All applications must be:

3.1.1 accompanied by a written undertaking that the required bank guarantees for the payment of the R6 million to Government will be submitted to the Authority not later than 14 days prior to the date of the of the licence hearing and failure to comply with this requirement to the satisfaction of the Authority would render the application null and void;

3.1.2 accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of R30 000;

3.1.3 completed substantially in accordance with the information contravened and the particulars requested in the prescribed application form as well as the Position Paper on Private Sound Broadcasting Services obtainable from the Authority.

3.2 Applicants shall bear the cost incurred in connection with the preparation and submission of the application. Regardless of the outcome of the application,

applicants may under no circumstance claim reimbursement from the Authority of any costs related directly as indirectly to the application.

3.3 Submission of the application

3.3.1 The application, together with 16 certified copies thereof, will only be considered if lodged with the Authority not later than 16h00, South African time on or before 7 November 2003.

3.3.2 Any queries in relation to this invitation must be submitted in writing (via post or e-mail, fax) to:

Name : Philly Moliwa
Title : Manager: Licensing Department
Physical Address : Pinmill Farm Block D
164 Katherine Street
Sandton, 2146
Post Address : Private Bag X10002
Sandton, 2146
Fax : 27 (0) 11 448 2186
E-mail : pmoliwa@icasa.org.za

SCHEDULE OF FREQUENCIES

CATEGORY OF LICENCE

COMMERCIAL SOUND BROADCASTING LICENCE

LICENCE AREA	Queenstown
BAND	VHF - FM
FREQUENCY	104.2 MHz
MAXIMUM ERP	12kW
MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE ANTENNA	826 m
HEIGHT	

LICENCE AREA	Butterworth
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BAND	VHF - FM
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FREQUENCY	94.3 MHz
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MAXIMUM ERP	15kW
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MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE ANTENNA	398 m
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HEIGHT	
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LICENCE AREA	Sterkspruit
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BAND	VHF - FM
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FREQUENCY	100.4 MHz
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MAXIMUM ERP	10 kW
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MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE ANTENNA	827 m
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LICENCE AREA	Cala
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BAND	VHF - FM
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FREQUENCY	96.6 MHz
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MAXIMUM ERP	30 kW
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MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE ANTENNA	795 m
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LICENCE AREA	Umtata
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BAND	VHF - FM
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FREQUENCY	95.2 MHz
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MAXIMUM ERP	48 kW
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MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE ANTENNA	374 m
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HEIGHT	
LICENCE AREA	Mount Ayitt
BAND	VHF - FM
FREQUENCY	96.4 MHz
MAXIMUM ERP	30 kW
MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE ANTENNA	811 m
HEIGHT	
LICENCE AREA	Port St Johns
BAND	VHF - FM
FREQUENCY	96.9 MHz
MAXIMUM ERP	3kW
MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE ANTENNA	551 m
HEIGHT	
LICENCE AREA	Port Shepstone
BAND	VHF - FM
FREQUENCY	103.5 MHz
MAXIMUM ERP	10 kW
MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE ANTENNA	514 m
HEIGHT	
LICENCE AREA	Durban
BAND	MF
FREQUENCY	567 kHz
MAXIMUM EMRP	50 kW

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