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GENERAL NOTICE

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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 29 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT (ACT 103 OF 1996) AND SECTION 29 OF THE INDEPENDENT BROADCASTING AUTHORITY ACT (ACT 153 OF 1993) INVITING REPRESENTATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE DRAFT SOUTH AFRICAN TABLE OF FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS.

1. The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") hereby gives notice and invites comments on the Draft South African Table of Frequency Allocations under section 29 of the Telecommunications Act, (act 103 of 1996), as amended as read with section 29 of the Independent Broadcasting Authority act (act 153 of 1993).
2. Electronic copies of the Draft South African Table of Frequency Allocations are available on the Authority's website (www.icasa.org.za). Hard copies can also be obtained at the ICASA regional offices and at the ICASA Library at 164 Katherine Street, Pinmill Farm, First Floor, and Block D between 10h00 and 16h30 weekdays.
3. The Draft South African Table of Frequency Allocations combines the two band re-planning documents (SABRE 1¹ and SABRE 2²).

¹ South African Band Re-Planning Exercise (SABRE 1), Radio Frequency Band Plan for Range 20 MHz – 3 GHz

4. The Radio Frequency Band Plan for the frequency in the range of 20MHz to 3GHz (SABRE 1) has been revised with the final draft having been published in Government Gazette No. 25619 of 20 October 2003 and public hearings held of 1 December 2003 in accordance with the notice published in Government Gazette No. 25788 of 27 November 2003. The final revised document is included in the integrated South African Table of Frequency Allocations.

5. The Radio frequency spectrum band plan covering the range 3GHz to 70GHz (SABRE-2) was revised in 2001 with the final document published in Government Gazette No. 22619 of 29 August 2001. This document is included in the in the integrated South African Table of Frequency Allocations. The changes made relate to formatting and implementing the WRC03³ decisions only.

6. In view of significant consultation having taken place on the respective portions of the new integrated South African Table of Frequency Allocations interested persons are herewith invited to submit written representations on the changes affected only. These are:

6.1 Revised migration Strategy.

The authority has incorporated a revised migration strategy in the band plan. Comments are invited on all aspects pertaining to the migration strategy.

6.2 The consolidation of SABRE 1 and SABRE 2 into the South African Table of Frequency Allocations.

In consolidating the two official band plans SABRE 1 and SABRE 2, the Authority had to realign the Table format of SABRE 2 to that of SABRE 1. Comments are invited on all aspects pertaining to the consolidated document.

6.3 The WRC 03 changes in the 3 GHz to 70GHz range.

- WRC-03 successfully established new frequency allocations to the mobile service in the bands 5 150-5 350 MHz and 5 470-5 725 MHz for the implementation of wireless access system.
- The allocation to High Altitude platform stations (HAPS) in the bands 47.2-47.5 GHz , 47.9-48.2 GHz , 27.5-28.35 GHz and 31-31.3 GHz.
- The allocation which enables the use of earth stations on board vessels in the bands 5925 6 425 MHz and 14 – 14.5 GHz
- The allocation of the band 14-14.5 GHz to Aeronautical mobile for the purpose of provision of Broadband internet on board aircraft.

(The abovementioned WRC03 changes are not exhaustive.

7. Written representations, including an electronic version of the representation in Microsoft Word, are to be submitted by no later than 16h00 on Friday, 30th April 2004.

8. Written representations or enquiries may be directed to:

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² South African Band Re-Planning Exercise (SABRE 2), Radio Frequency Band Plan for Range 3 GHz - 70 GHz

³ International Telecommunication Union (ITU), World Radio Conference, held in Geneva 2003.

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9. All written representations submitted to the Authority pursuant to this notice shall be made available for inspection by interested persons at the ICASA Library and copies of such representations and documents will be obtainable on payment of a fee.

10. Written representations will be made publicly available except where respondents indicate that their responses or parts thereof are confidential. Respondents are requested to separate any confidential material into a clearly marked confidential annexure. Unconditional permission to use such confidential material will be assumed unless the author expressly states otherwise. If, however, the request for non-disclosure to the public is refused, the person making the request will be allowed to withdraw the representation or document in question. Any copyright attached to responses will be assumed to have been relinquished unless it is expressly reserved.

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