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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 1742 OF 2004

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

INVITATION TO VALUE ADDED NETWORK SERVICE PROVIDERS PROVIDING INTERNET ACCESS TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT DIRECTIVES TO BE ISSUED IN TERMS OF THE REGULATION OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PROVISION OF COMMUNICATION-RELATED INFORMATION ACT 70 OF 2002

The Regulation of Interception of Communications and Provision of Communication-related Information Act, 2002 (Act No. 70 of 2002) (the Act) was assented to on the 22nd of January 2003.

The objectives of the Act amongst others are to regulate the-

- interception and monitoring of communications;
- making of applications for, and the issuing of directions authorizing the interception of communications and provision of communication-related information; and
- execution of directions and entry warrants by law enforcement officers.

Section 30 of the Act provides that all telecommunication service providers must provide a telecommunication service which has the capability to be intercepted and store communication-related information. The Minister of Communications is responsible for issuing directives to telecommunication service providers or categories of telecommunication service providers determining amongst others the –

- manner in which a telecommunication service provider must provide a service which is capable of being intercepted and store communication-related information;
- security, technical and functional requirements of the facilities and devices to be acquired by the telecommunication service providers to enable interception and storage;
- type of communication-related information which must be stored and the period for which such information must be stored; and
- period within which telecommunication service providers must comply with the directive.

The draft directives have been prepared and they are available on the Department's website at www.doc.gov.za

Interested persons including Value Added Network Service providers Operators providing internet services are hereby invited to furnish comments on the directives no later than 23 August 2004 at any of the following addresses:

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Please note that comments received after the closing date may be disregarded

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