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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF THE POSITION PAPER: COMMUNITY TELEVISION BROADCASTING SERVICES.

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") has in terms of section 28 of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act, No. 153 of 1993 ("the IBA Act"), conducted an inquiry into local television broadcasting services.

The Authority published a Discussion Paper titled "Inquiry into Local Television" on 22 August 2003. The purpose of the Discussion Paper was to generate comment from all stakeholders on the introduction of local television broadcasting services in South Africa. The primary objective of the Discussion Paper was to solicit public participation and input in developing the regulatory framework for local television in South Africa, and to generate discussion on the appropriate policy and licensing framework for the introduction of local television.

The Authority invited stakeholders and the public to respond to the questions and issues raised in the Discussion Paper and to make an input on any issues related to the well being and survival of the broader television market in South Africa. The Authority received twelve submissions. Ten of these indicated their wish to make oral representations. Oral hearings were held at the Authority's offices on 16 and 17 October 2003.

The Authority hereby publishes its Position Paper on Community Television Broadcasting Services. Interested parties are invited to obtain from the Authority a copy of the Position Paper, or to visit the Authority's website www.icasa.org.za

The Position Paper is also available in the following languages:

1. Afrikaans;
2. isiNdebele;
3. Sepedi;
4. Sesotho;
5. Setswana;
6. Siswati;
7. Tshivenda;
8. isiXhosa;
9. isiZulu; and
10. Xitsonga.

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