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GENERAL NOTICE

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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 31 (5) OF THE INDEPENDENT BROADCASTING AUTHORITY (IBA) ACT, NO. 153 OF 1993 ("THE ACT") INVITING REPRESENTATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE DRAFT TERRESTRIAL BROADCAST FREQUENCY PLAN 2004

1. The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") hereby gives notice and invites comment on the Draft Terrestrial Broadcast Frequency Plan 2004, under section 31 (5) of the IBA Act, No 153 of 1993 ("the Act").
2. Electronic copies of the Draft Plan 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, Block D between 10h00 and 16h30.
3. It should be noted that the Authority is involved in the Planning and Technical Working Groups for the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Regional Radiocommunication Conference for the planning of digital terrestrial broadcasting in the VHF/UHF frequency bands (RRC-04/06), with the view of coming up with a Draft Plan for digital broadcasting.
4. The ITU has made provisions for each member state to make submissions of their digital requirements. The due date for submissions by all member states is the 28th February 2005. The Planning and Technical Working Groups Draft Plan will provide a comprehensive plan on digital broadcasting, and therefore the proposals on digital broadcasting in the Published Draft Plan will depend on the outcome of the Working Groups.

5. Interested persons are hereby invited to submit written representations, including an electronic version of the representation in Microsoft Word (and Microsoft Excel in the cases where comments are made on the accuracy of the assignments), of their views on the Draft Terrestrial Broadcast Frequency Plan 2004 by no later than 16h00 on Friday, 14 January 2005.

6. Persons making representations are further invited to indicate whether they are requesting an opportunity to make oral representations (and the estimated duration thereof, which duration shall not exceed one hour).

7. Written representations or enquiries may be directed to:

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8. All written representations submitted to the Authority pursuant to this notice shall be made available for inspection by interested persons from 19 January 2005 at the ICASA Library and copies of such representations and documents will be obtainable on payment of a fee.

9. 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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