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**INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NO. 5028** **12 July 2024**

# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE SYSTEMS OPERATING IN THE FREQUENCY BANDS 3800 TO 4200 MHZ AND 5925 TO 6425 MHZ

1. Pursuant to section 2 (d) of the Electronic Communications Acts No. 36 of 2005, the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") aims to encourage investment, including infrastructure investment, and innovation in the communications sector.

2. The Authority, therefore, pursuant to the Radio Frequency Spectrum Regulations 2015, is empowered to approve trials and experiments to be conducted in terms of regulation 40 (Licences for Trials, Experimentation and Demonstration of Systems).

3. On the 21st of June 2024, the Authority published a Request for Information Regarding Systems Operating in the Frequency Bands 3800 to 4200 MHz and 5925 to 6425 MHz in Government Gazette Number 50850 (Notice 2593 of 2024) with the closing date of 3rd July 2024.

4. The Authority recognises that there are systems operating in the 3800 to 4200 MHz and the 5952 to 6425 MHz frequency bands; to this end as the Authority runs its simulations for dynamic spectrum access and opportunistic spectrum management, there is a need to protect the existing systems operating from any interference.

5. Furthermore, it is important that the Authority's database is up to date to ensure that all Radiocommunications Services in the Frequency Bands 3800

to 4200 MHz and 5925 to 6425 MHz and their Geographical Locations are well known to ensure the protection of these systems.

6. The Authority is therefore re-opening the process of soliciting information regarding systems operating in the frequency bands 3800 to 4200 MHz and 5925 to 6425 MHz. This is to supplement data received by the closing date and to enable more stakeholders who missed the deadline to still submit data requested.

7. The Authority is in the process of updating the database of systems operating in the frequency sub-bands 3 800 to 4 200 MHz and 5 925 to 6 425 MHz with the key focus of ensuring the protection of Primary Radiocommunications Services.

8. The Authority, therefore, invites stakeholders to submit written responses on the technical information of stations operating in the frequency Range 3 800 to 4 200 MHz and 5 925 to 6 425 MHz, in accordance with **Annexure A**.

9. This information will be considered for the purposes of the simulation in order to protect existing systems operating in the frequency band 3 800 to 4 200 MHz and 5 925 to 6 425 MHz.

10. Submissions should be made no later than 16h30 on Friday, 26 July 2024 through email (in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and PDF) and or by hand delivery and marked specifically for attention:

**Ms. Pumla Ntshalintshali**
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**Email: DSA2023@icasa.org.za**
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11. It should be noted that submissions received after the closing date may also be used to update the Authority's database.

12. Meetings schedule with stakeholders on a One-on-One basis will be communicated on an individual basis concurrently.

13. It should further be noted that a draft Regulatory Sandbox will be developed for public consultation, with the aim of facilitating the implementation of the Dynamic Spectrum Access (DSA) and Opportunistic Spectrum Management framework.

14. Where persons making representations require that their representation or part thereof be treated as confidential, then an application in terms of section 4D of the ICASA Act, 2000 (Act No. 13 of 2000) must be lodged with the Authority. The request for confidentiality must be accompanied by a written statement explaining why the specific information should be treated as confidential, in accordance with ICASA Guidelines for Confidentiality Request published in Government Gazette No. 41839 of 17 August 2018, together with a non-confidential version of the submission. If, however, the request for confidentiality is not granted, the person making the request will be allowed to withdraw the representation or document in question.

15. All non-confidential written representations submitted to the Authority pursuant to this notice shall be made available for inspection by interested persons from 29 July 2024 at the ICASA Library or website and copies of such representations and documents will be obtainable on payment of a fee.

16. Enquiries should be directed to Ms. Pumla Ntshalintshali at 0125684005 between 10h00 and 16h00, Monday to Friday or emailed to DSA2023@icasa.org.za with Copy to: PNtshalintshali@icasa.org.za

17. The guidelines for confidentiality request are contained in Government Gazette Number 41839 (Notice 849 of 2018).



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**ICASA Chairperson**
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