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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

NOTICE 2721 OF 2024

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ACT, 2005 (ACT NO. 36 OF 2005)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD IN RESPECT OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF THE INDIVIDUAL ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK SERVICE ("I-ECNS"), INDIVIDUAL ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ("I-ECS") AND RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM ("RFS") LICENCES FROM CELL C LIMITED ("CELL C") TO THE PREPAID COMPANY (PTY) LTD ("TPC")

1. The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("ICASA / the Authority") hereby gives notice of public hearings to be held in relation to the Applications for the transfer of control of the I-ECNS and I-ECS licences from Cell C to TPC.

2. On 26 September 2023, Cell C submitted the following applications to the Authority:

2.1 an application for the transfer of control of its I-ECNS and I-ECS licences to TPC in terms of section 13(2) of the Electronic Communications Act, 36 of 2005 ("ECA"); and

2.2 an application for the transfer of control of its radio frequency spectrum licences ("RFS Licences") to TPC ("the RFS Transfer Application") in terms of section 31(2A) of the ECA.

3. On 6 December 2023, the Authority published a notice of the Applications in Government Gazette No. 49831 ("the Notice"). In terms of the Notice, the Authority invited interested parties to make written representations in response to the Applications within 14 working days from the date of publication of the Notice.

4. Subsequent to the Notice, the Authority extended the deadline for submission of written representations and responses to 22 January 2024 and 12 February 2024, respectively.

5. By the closing date of 22 January 2024, the Authority received 6 written representations from stakeholders who also expressed an interest to make oral submissions.

6. On 31 January 2024, the Authority extended the deadline for the submission of Cell C's written response to 15 March 2024.

7. On 15 March 2024, Cell C submitted its written responses to the various representations received by various stakeholders.

8. The Authority will hold the public hearings on **Thursday, 19 September 2024**.

9. Please be advised that Cell C has withdrawn its application for transfer of the 10 MHz Lot in the 3500 MHz RFS band that they bid for during the 2022 Spectrum Auction. Therefore, the hearings will not address this issue.

10. The Authority hereby invites all stakeholders and interested persons to the public hearings in relation to the above-mentioned applications. The public hearings will be held as follows:

DATE: 19 September 2024
VENUE: Courtyard Hotel Waterfall City - Midrand
TIME: 08:30 AM (SAST)

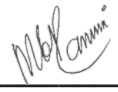
11. The programme for the hearings will be as follows:

19 SEPTEMBER 2024		
TIME	**ITEM**	**PRESENTER**
08H30 – 09H00	Registration	All
	Opening Address	ICASA: Chairperson of the Committee
09H15 – 10H00	Presentation by Cell C	Cell C
10H00 – 10H30	Questions and Answers	ICASA Panel and members of the public
10H30 - 11H00	Presentation by MTN	MTN
11H00 - 11H15	Questions and Answers	ICASA Panel and members of the public
11H15 – 11H30	**Tea Break**	

11H30 - 12H00	Presentation by Vodacom	Vodacom
12H00 - 12H15	Questions and Answers	ICASA Panel and members of the public
12H15 - 12H45	Presentation by MVR Attorneys Inc (CellSaf)	MVR Attorneys Inc. (CellSaf)
12H45 - 13H00	Questions and Answers	ICASA Panel and members of the public
13H00 – 14H00	**Lunch Break**	
14H00 – 14H30	Presentation by Mr. Robert Killigrew Sabine Pasley	Mr. Robert Killigrew Sabine Pasley
14H30 - 14H45	Questions and Answers	ICASA Panel and members of the public
14H45 - 15H15	Presentation by Mr. Paul AH Hjul	Mr. Paul AH Hjul
15H15 - 15H30	Questions and Answers	ICASA Panel and members of the public
15H30 – 16H00	Cell C	Responses by Cell C
16H00 – 16H15	Questions and Answers	ICASA Panel and members of the public
16H15 – 16H30	Closing Remarks	ICASA: Chairperson of the Committee
END OF THE HEARINGS		

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