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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

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PUBLIC HEARINGS IN RESPECT OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED NEW LICENSING FRAMEWORK FOR SATELLITE SERVICES

Pretoria - The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("ICASA/the Authority") will hold oral public hearings in respect of the Consultation on the proposed new Licensing Framework for Satellite Services[1].

In terms of Section 4 (4) read with Section 17 of the ICASA Act, the Council of the Authority resolved to constitute a Committee to amongst other things:

- Develop a transparent regulatory framework with clear rules to establish regulatory certainty for potential investors;
- Develop procedures for authorizing user-terminals operations in South African territory;
- Review spectrum fees, taking also into account the increasing amount of bandwidth used by satellite systems operating in higher frequency bands, and;

[1] Notice No. 2678, Government Gazette No. 51044

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- Develop a procedure for registration of international space segment providers (including details of ITU coordination status of the space segment) who intend to provide a service either directly or indirectly (through existing licensed operators) to South African consumers.

On 14 August 2024, the Authority published the Consultation document on the proposed new licensing framework for satellite services in Government Gazette No. 51044 for public comment by interested parties.

By the closing date of 12 November 20224, 16h00, the Authority received thirty-eight (38) written representations and a further seven (7) after deadline. On 31 November 2024, the Authority published the written representations on the website.

Interested stakeholders and members of the public are invited to attend the public hearings. The Authority will hear the stakeholders that have indicated their interest to participate in the oral public hearings.

The public hearings will be held as follows:

Date : 05 - 06 February 2025

Time : 09h00 A.M (SAST)

Venue : Auditorium, 350 Witch-Hazel, Eco point park, Eco point, Centurion

Online meeting link and programme schedule: to be published on the Authority's website

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DATE: 14**/01/2025**

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