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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

NOTICE 3685 OF 2025

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

APPLICATION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL COMMERCIAL SOUND BROADCASTING SERVICE AND RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM LICENCES BY RADIO iGAGASI 99.5 (PTY) LTD T/A iGAGASI 99.5

1. The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") hereby gives notice that it has received an application from Radio iGagasi 99.5 (Pty) Ltd t/a iGagasi 99.5 ("the Applicant"), for the amendment of its Individual Commercial Sound Broadcasting Service ("I-CSBS") and Radio Frequency Spectrum ("RFS") Licences.

2. The Applicant seeks the approval of the Authority to amend Clause 3 of its RFS Licence. Clause 3 of the RFS licence reads as follows:

*"3 **Geographic coverage area***

Durban Metropolitan, Port Shepstone, Ulundi, Glencore and Greytown in Kwa-Zulu Natal Province. The licensee must comply with the attached technical specification (Schedule B2)."

3. The Applicant proposes that Clause 3 of its RFS Licence be amended to read as follows:

*"3 **Geographic coverage area***

Durban Metropolitan, Port Shepstone, Ulundi, Glencore, Greytown and Empangeni in Kwa-Zulu Natal Province. The licensee must comply with the attached technical specification (Schedule B2)."

4. The Applicant proposed amending the existing technical specifications by adding one transmitter and frequency to improve iGagasi 99.5's coverage in its existing coverage area: Empangeni 102.1 MHz.

5. The technical specifications also include one additional transmitter and frequency that aim to extend iGagasi 99.5's coverage beyond its existing coverage area in Kwa-Zulu Natal: Durban 99.5 MHz, Durban North 100.1 MHz, Greytown 88.6 MHz, Mooi River 89.1 MHz, Pietermaritzburg 98.5 MHz, Port Shepstone 103.5 MHz, Ulundi 94.7 MHz, Glencoe 107.9 MHz and Empangeni 102.1 MHz.

6. The Applicant further seeks approval from the Authority to amend Clause 3 of its I-CSBS licence. Clause 3 of its I-CSBS Licence reads as follows:

"3 ***Geographic coverage area***

Durban Metropolitan, Port Shepstone, Ulundi, Glencoe and Greytown as per technical specifications attached to the Licensee's radio frequency spectrum licence."

7. The Applicant proposed amending Clause 3 of its I-CSBS licence to read as follows:

"3 ***Geographic coverage area***

Durban Metropolitan, Port Shepstone, Ulundi, Glencoe Greytown and Empangeni as per technical specifications attached to the Licensee's radio frequency spectrum licence."

8. The amendment application is lodged in terms of section 10 (1) of the Electronic Communications Act No. 36 of 2005 as amended ("the EC Act") read with regulation 9 of the Amendment of the Processes and Procedures Regulations for Individual Licences, 2010[1], as amended and regulation 9 of the Radio Frequency Spectrum Regulations, 2015[2].

9. In terms of section 10(2), read with section 9(2) of the EC Act, the Authority is required to publish notice of the application in the Government Gazette and invite interested persons to submit written representations.

[1] Government Gazette: 48331 published on 30 March 2023.
[2] Government Gazette: 38641 published on 30 March 2015.

10. The Applicant submits that it holds thirty-two point sixty-five percent (65%) equity ownership from historically disadvantaged individuals as required in terms of section 9(2)(b) of the EC Act.

11. The application for amendment and any representations received pursuant to this notice will be available to any interested party on the Authority's website: www.icasa.org.za.

12. Any interested party is invited to lodge written representations concerning the application within fourteen (14) working days from the publication date of this notice in the Government Gazette.

13. Persons who lodge representations must also indicate whether they wish to make oral submissions should the Authority decide to hold a public hearing on the application.

14. All written representations, responses, and other correspondence in terms of this notice must be directed to the Licensing and Compliance Division, at Block B, 350 Witch – Hazel Avenue, Eco Point Office Park, Eco Park, Centurion OR Private Bag X10, Highveld Park, 0169 **OR** by e-mail: broadcastingapplications@icasa.org.za.

15. Any person/s who lodge representations in terms of this notice must also furnish proof to the Authority's satisfaction that a copy of the representation has been delivered to Minenhle Dlamini via email: minenhlen@gagasi995.co.za **OR** delivered by hand to Cornubia Mall, Shop U128, Corner Flanders and Tacoma Drive, Blackburn Estate, Mount Edgecombe, Durban, 4319.

16. The Applicant has the right to respond in writing to the written representations made by any interested person/s on the application. The written responses must be lodged with the Authority within twenty-eight (28) working days from the date of publication of this notice in the Government Gazette.

17. The Applicant must, when lodging the written response/s, furnish proof to the Authority's satisfaction that it has delivered a copy of such response/s via email **OR** by hand to the relevant person/s having made the written representation.



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