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### GENERAL NOTICE

#### **NOTICE 3436 OF 2003**

# INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 27 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT, ACT NO. 103 OF 1996 ("THE ACT") READ WITH CLAUSE 3 OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY INTERCONNECTION GUIDELINES PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT NOTICE 3457 OF 2002 IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE 24203 DATED 19 DECEMBER 2002.

### Review of the transition to the LRIC pricing regime

Clause 3 of the Supplementary Interconnection Guidelines contains a temporary provision for the transition to Long Run Incremental Cost ("LRIC") for a period of no more than 2 years, i.e. until not later than 19 December 2004. Clause 3 also makes provision for the Authority to publish a notice in a Gazette inviting public comments upon the first anniversary of the effective date on the transition to LRIC. Clause 3 further allows for the Authority to terminate the clause before the end of the two year period.

During the period when it applies, sub-clause 3.2 requires the charges of Major Operators for Essential services to be no greater than the Fully Allocated Costs established by Chart of Accounts/Cost Allocation Manual ("COA/CAM").

The Authority hereby invites comments and submissions from the public on the transition to LRIC. The Authority further invites public comments on the interim arrangements that have been put in place in terms of sub-clause 3.2.

Interested persons are hereby invited to submit written comments or written representations with regard to the progress of the transition to the LRIC pricing regime and interim arrangements, to be received **by no later than 16h00 on the 02<sup>nd</sup> February, 2004** by post, hand delivery or facsimile transmission for the attention of Ms Nomvuyiso Batyi, Independent Communications Authority of South Africa, Private Bag X10002, Marlboro, 2063; Block C, Pin Mill Farm, 164 Katherine Street, Sandton; Facsimile (011) 321 8536, telephone (011) 321 8415 or e-mail:nbatyi@icasa.org.za