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Independent Communications Authority of South Africa

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APPLICATION BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (SABC) IN TERMS OF SECTION 22A OF THE BROADCASTING ACT 4 OF 1999 FOR TWO REGIONAL TELEVISION SERVICES

The Independent Communications of South Africa hereby gives notice of its decision on the application from the South African Broadcasting Corporation ("SABC") in terms of section 22A of the Broadcasting Act 4 of 1999, as amended, for two Regional Television Services namely SABC 4 and SABC 5.

The SABC, in line with section 22A of Broadcasting Act, as amended, submitted their application for two public regional television broadcasting services on 8 December 2003.

In terms of the SABC application, it was proposed that SABC 4 will broadcast in the Limpopo, North West, Gauteng, Free State and Northern Cape Provinces in Setswana, Sesotho, Sepedi, Xitsonga, Tshivenda, Afrikaans and English.

The SABC proposed that SABC 5 would broadcast in Mpumalanga, the eastern border of Limpopo, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape and the Western Cape in isiZulu, isiXhosa, isiNdebele, isiSwati, Afrikaans and English.

The Authority agreed to the SABC's request that certain financial information be granted confidentiality.

The SABC's licence application was gazetted for public comment on 9 January 2004 in terms of Notice 19 of Government Gazette 25902. The Authority received written representations from Sentech and e-tv with both requesting an opportunity to make oral presentations. Sentech subsequently withdrew their request to **make** an oral presentation. Public hearings were held on 5 and 18 October 2005 in the **Limpopo** Province and the Western Cape Province respectively.

Having considered **all** the submissions made by the parties, the Authority has decided to grant the SABC two public regional television broadcasting licences but has **suspended** the issuing of these licences **pending the SABC securing appropriate and sufficient** funding, to the satisfaction of the Authority.

The ruling and reasons document issued by the Authority are open for inspection by interested parties during the normal office hours of the Authority at the offices of the Authority at Block D Pinmill Farm, 164 Katherine Street, Sandton, 2146, or on the ICASA website at www.icasa.org.za.

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