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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 976 OF 2005



Independent Communications Authority of South Africa

Pinmill Farm, 164 Katherine Street, Sandton
Private Bag X10002, Sandton, 2146

APPLICATION FOR THE TECHNICAL AMENDMENT OF THE BROADCASTING LICENCE CONDITIONS: RADIO HINDVANI

1. The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") hereby gives notice, in terms of the provisions of section 52(2) of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act, No 153 of 1993, as amended, that it has received an application from Hindi Shiksha Sangh (SA) broadcasting as Radio Hindvani for the amendment of the technical specifications in its community sound broadcasting licence conditions in terms of section 52(1)(c) of the Act.
2. The amendment is sought to allow Radio Hindvani to relocate its current transmitter from Sentech Durban transmitting site, to the Sentech Durban North transmitting site, and to install a second transmitter at the Sentech Pietermaritzburg site to cover the Pietermaritzburg area as per the licence conditions and therefore improve its reception within its coverage area particularly the Pietermaritzburg area and surrounds. The details of the application are contained in the schedule below.
3. The application is available and open for inspection by interested persons in the Authority's library during the Authority's normal office hours.
4. Interested persons are invited to lodge written representations in relation to the application by no later than 15 July 2005. Persons who **lodge** representations in terms hereof must simultaneously indicate whether they also require an opportunity to make oral representation to the Authority.
5. All written representations, responses and other correspondence in terms hereof must be directed to Victor Grootboom at The Licensing Unit, Broadcasting Division, Independent Communications Authority of South Africa at Block **D**, Pinmill Farm, 164 Katherine Street, Sandton, Johannesburg or Private Bag **X** 10002 Sandton, **2146** or by fax no. (011) **448 2186**.
6. Persons who lodge representations in terms hereof, shall at the time of lodgement furnish proof to the satisfaction of the authority that a copy of the representation has been delivered by hand to Mr **A.G Bhoora.**, Station Manager, Radio Hindvani, at 30 Oak Avenue, Kharwastan, Durban or sent by registered post at P.O. Box 56431 Chatsworth, **4030** or faxed to (031) **401 5295**.
7. Hindi Shiksha Sangh (**SA**) shall be entitled to respond in writing to written representations made by interested persons on the proposed amendment, and such

written response must be lodged with the Authority within sixty (60) days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Government Gazette**. Hindi Shiksha Sangh must, at the time of lodging such written response, furnish proof to the Authority's satisfaction that it has delivered a copy of such response by hand, or has sent a copy of such response by registered mail or by facsimile to the relevant person having made such written representations.

MANDLA LANGA
CHAIRPERSON
ICASA

SCHEDULE

1. Name of the broadcasting service:

Radio Hindvani

2. Legal Entity:

Hindi Shiksha Sangh (SA)

3. Community

Hindu Community of interest based in Pietermaritzburg, Durban Metropolitan Stanger, Umkomaas, Tongaat and Phoenix.

4. Proposed Licence Area

Pietermaritzburg, Durban Metropolitan, Stanger, Umkomaas, Tongaat, Phoenix and the surrounds.

5. Nature of Proposed Service

Community Sound Broadcasting Service aimed at developing the Hindi language and culture and the community by providing access to information, education and entertainment.

6. Proposed Signal Distributor:

Sentech

7. Transmitter Location:

Current: Durban Sentech site

Proposed: Durban North Sentech site and Pietermaritzburg Sentech site

8. Preferred frequency band and effective radiated power

Current frequency: 91.5 MHz at 250 Watts

Proposed additional frequency: 97 MHz at 200 *Watts*.