GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 159 OF 2008



Independent Communications Authority of South Africa

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS: DRAFT REGULATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE PRESCRIBED ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE LICENSEES TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND ACCESS FUND

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("ICASA") hereby, in accordance with section 4(6) of the Electronic Communications Act ("ECA") No.36 of 2005, gives notice to hold oral hearings on the Draft Regulations in respect of the prescribed annual contributions by the licensees to the Universal Service and Access Fund ("Draft Regulations").

ICASA published the Draft Regulations on 14 September 2007, General Notice 1149, Government Gazette Number 30304. The Authority invited interested parties, stakeholders, and the public to respond to the issues raised in the Draft Regulations. The closing date for the receipt of written representations was 29 October 2007. The Authority received twenty-one submissions. Eighteen of these have indicated their wish to make oral-presentations. The Authority requested the Universal Service and Access Agency of South Africa to make a presentation and take questions during the oral hearings so as address issues related to the Universal Services and Access Fund.

Public hearings will be held on 12, 13 and 14 March 2008.

Venue: Block C Presentation Room, 164 Katherine Street, Pinmill Farm, Sandton, Johannesburg.

Any enquiry in relation to this notice must be submitted in writing (via post, e-mail or fax)

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DAY 1, 12 MARCH 2008

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Ms Judicia Monyela	Researcher	
Ms Nozipho Mvulane	Economic Analyst	
Ms Stella Mahlawe	Manager: Finance	
Mr Sean Rankin	Monitoring Officer	
Mr Ngoako Malatji	Licensing Officer	
M Nomadlozi Makhubu	Competition Analyst	

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DAY 2, 13 MARCH 2008

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