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## GENERAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE 1208 OF 2008



### UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND ACCESS AGENCY OF SOUTH AFRICA

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED DEFINITIONS FOR UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND UNIVERSAL SERVICE, PROPOSED DETERMINATION FOR UNDER-SERVICED AREAS AND THE PROPOSED DETERMINATION FOR NEEDY PERSONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 82(3) READ WITH SECTIONS 88(2), (3) AND (4) OF THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ACT, 2005 (ACT NO. 36 OF 2005) AS AMENDED.**

On 15 August 2008 the Universal Service and Access Agency of South Africa ("Agency") published a discussion document pursuant to section 82(3) read with sections 88(2),(3) and (4) of the Electronic Communications Act No. 36 of 2005, as amended ("the Act").

The discussion document was published in the **Government Gazette No. 31333, Notice 987 of 2008 dated 15 August 2008.**

The above Government Gazette stipulate a closing date for the submission of written comments from interested parties of no later than **16 H00 on 12 September 2008.** Interested parties were afforded a period of **twenty (20) days** to submit their written comments to the Agency.

The Agency has received requests for the extension of the initial period stipulated in the Government Gazette. Having considered the matter and the nature of the requests, the Agency has agreed to extend the closing date for submission of written comments until no later than **16 H00 on 7 November 2008.**

The Agency also requests interested parties to note that the Agency intends convening public hearings regarding the above consultative framework and that such public hearings shall be convened within twenty-one (21) days of receiving the written submissions. The final dates will be communicated not later than **14 November 2008**.



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