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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA NOTICE 765 OF 2018



Independent Communications Authority of South Africa 350 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Eco Point Office Park Eco Park, Centurion. Private Bag X10, Highveld Park 0169 Telephone number: (012) 568 3000/1

NOTICE TO ALL RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM LICENSEES OPERATING WITHIN THE KAROO CENTRAL ASTRONOMY ADVANTAGE AREA TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT WITH THE ASTRONOMY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

- 1. The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") hereby gives notice to all Radio Frequency Spectrum Licensees operating within the Karoo Central Astronomy Advantage Area ("KCAAA"), as declared in the Government Gazette No. 37434, under Notice 198 of 2014, to apply for a permit with the Astronomy Management Authority ("AMA") in terms of the Karoo Central Astronomy Advantage Area Regulations ("KCAAA Regulations") published in Government Gazette No. 41321, under Notice No.1411, on 15 December 2017.
- 2. In terms of section 22(6) of the Astronomy Geographic Advantage Act, 2007 (Act No. 21 of 2007), read with section 30(1) and section 31 of the Electronic Communications Act, 2005 (Act No. 36 of 2005) ("ECA"), the Authority has an obligation not to issue Radio Frequency Spectrum Licences where frequency used could cause radio frequency interference ("RFI") in the KCAAA. As a result, the Authority has put measures in place to ensure that it fulfils its role of preventing RFI in the KCAAA when licensing radio communication and broadcasting spectrum licenses.

RM Mohlaloga (Chairperson), N Gongxeka - Seopa, P Kadi, P Mashile, Dr K Modimoeng, BC Mokhele, Advocate D Qocha, T Semane, PJ Zimri (Councillors), WA Ngwepe (CEO)

- 3. On 5 September 2018, the Minister of Science and Technology published a Notice in Government Gazette No. 41891, under Notice No.939 wherein the effective date for the implementation of the KCAAA Regulations is stated as 15 December 2018.
- 4. All Radio Frequency Spectrum Licensees who operate within the KCAAA are required to submit permit applications to AMA to continue operating within the KCAAA. Upon receipt of the permit, a Radio Frequency Spectrum Licensee must submit the permit together with its Radio Frequency Spectrum licence to the Authority. The Authority will amend, if required, the Spectrum Licence to align it with the permit conditions.
- 5. A Radio Frequency Spectrum Licensee must submit the Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence and permit to the Authority for an amendment to the Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence, taking into account the Notice under paragraph 3 of this document. Upon receipt of the Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence and permit, the Authority will consider the documents in line with section 31 of the ECA and any relevant regulations in order to make a decision.
- 6. The Authority shall apply the necessary enforcement steps in terms of section 31 of the ECA and relevant regulations pertaining to the failure by a Radio Frequency Spectrum Licensees to comply with the provisions of the ECA including this Notice.
- 7. All applications and enquiries related to a permit to operate within the KCAAA must be directed to the AMA:

Mr Mere Kgampe Department of Science and Technology Building 53, CSIR Campus Meiring Naude Road Brummeria Pretoria 0184 OR Email: <u>Mere.Kgampe@dst.gov.za</u> Telephone Number: 012 843 6644 6 No. 42080

8. All amendment applications and enquiries related to Radio Frequency Spectrum Licences to operate within the KCAAA must be directed to the Authority:

Mr Machoene Thupana Independent Communications Authority of South Africa 350 Witch-Hazel Avenue Eco Point Office Park Eco Park Centurion 0169 OR Email: <u>mthupana@icasa.org.za</u> Telephone Number: 012 568 3042

RUBBEN MOHLALOGA CHAIRPERSON Date: 27 /November/2018