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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

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DISCUSSION DOCUMENT ON MOBILE BROADBAND SERVICES INQUIRY

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa, hereby publishes the attached notice regarding the discussion document on mobile broadband services inquiry in terms of sections 4(B) of the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Act, 2000, as amended (Act No. 13 of 2000).

Dr. K Modimoeng Acting Chairperson



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- 1. On 16 November 2018, the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") published a notice of intention to conduct an inquiry into mobile broadband services in the *Gazette*¹ indicating its intention to conduct an Inquiry in terms of section 4B (1)(a) of the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Act, 2000 (Act No. 13 of 2000) ("ICASA Act") read with section 67(4) of the Electronic Communications Act No.36 of 2005 ("ECA").
- The purpose of the Inquiry to assess the state of competition and determine whether
 or not there are markets or market segments within the mobile broadband services
 value chain which may warrant regulation in the context of a market review in terms of
 section 67(4) of the ECA.
- 3. The Inquiry is conducted in four Phases (i.e. Phase 1 commencement of the market inquiry, Phase 2 discussion document, Phase 3 public hearings on the discussion document, Phase 4 findings document and draft regulations (if necessary), Phase 5 public hearings on draft regulations and Phase 5 final regulations.

¹ Gazette No. 42044

- 4. Following receipt of information and data in line with the questionnaire or request for information², the Authority has published a discussion document (Phase 2) on its website for public comment for a period of 45 working days.
- 5. A copy of the discussion document is available on the Authority's website at www.icasa.org.za and at the Authority's head office library at address 350 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Eco Point Office Park Eco Park, Centurion, during office hours (Mon-Fri from 09:00 to 16:30).