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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

NOTICE 3192 OF 2025



ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ACT, 2005 (ACT NO. 36 OF 2005)

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK SERVICE ("I-ECNS") LICENCE BY BROADBAND INFRACO (PTY) LTD ("BBI")

- The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") hereby gives notice that it has received a letter from Broadband Infraco (Pty) Ltd ("BBI") for the withdrawal of its application for amendment of its Individual Electronic Communications Network Service (I-ECNS) Licence.
- 2. The application was submitted in terms of section 10 of the Electronic Communications Act No. 36 of 2005 as amended ("the ECA") read with Regulation 9 of the Processes and Procedures Regulations for Individual Licences, 2010 published in Government Gazette No. 33293 of 14 June 2010, as amended by the Amendment Individual Processes and Procedures Regulations 2015 published in Government Gazette No.39871 of 30 March 2016 and Individual Processes and Procedures Regulations 2023 published in Government Gazette No.48331 of 30 March 2023 ("Processes and Procedures Regulations").
- 3. BBI intended to amend the Universal Access Obligations (UAOs) Implementation Plan such that the period to fulfil its eight (8) outstanding UAOs be extended to 30 November 2026. BBI submitted that the changed circumstances necessitated the amendment are that BBI does not have the financial ability to meet the remaining UAOs, which require it to roll-out eight (8) Points of Presence (PoPs).
- 4. On 10 April 2025, the Authority published Notice No. 3133 in Government Gazette No. 52500, inviting interested parties to submit written representations

to the application within fourteen (14) working days of its publication in the Government Gazette.

- 5. On 15 April 2025, the Authority received a letter from BBI requesting the withdrawal of its licence amendment application. The rationale provided for the withdrawal is that BBI intends to complete its remaining Universal Access Obligations (UAOs).
- 6. Based on the withdrawal notice referenced above, the Notice of 10 April 2025 is similarly withdrawn.

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Date: <u>09</u> / <u>05</u> / 2025