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**INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA****GENERAL NOTICE 4194 OF 2026****ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ACT, 2005 (ACT NO. 36 OF 2005)****APPLICATIONS FOR THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF THE INDIVIDUAL ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK SERVICE AND INDIVIDUAL ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE LICENCES FROM SMILE COMMUNICATIONS (PTY) LTD TO SUNTECH GROUP (PTY) LTD**

1. The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") hereby gives notice that it has received applications from Smile Communications (Pty) Ltd ("the Applicant") for the transfer of ownership of its Individual Electronic Communications Service ("I-ECS") and Individual Electronic Communications Network Service ("I-ECNS") licences.

**2. Applications**

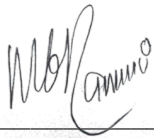
2.1. On 14 July 2026, the Authority received an application from the Applicant for the transfer of ownership of its I-ECS and I-ECNS licences to Suntech Group (Pty) Ltd ("the Transferee").

2.2. The Applications for transfer of ownership of the service licences are made in terms of section 13 (1) of the Electronic Communications Act, 2005, as amended ("ECA") read together with:

2.2.1. Regulations 11 (Form G) of the Processes and Procedures Regulations for Individual Licences, 2010, as amended.

- 2.3. Section 13 (1) of the ECA provides as follows: *"An individual licence may not be let, sub-let, assigned, ceded or in any way transferred, and the control of an individual licence may not be assigned, ceded or in any way transferred, to any other person without the prior written permission of the Authority"*.
3. The transfer application will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:
- 3.1. promotion of competition in the ICT sector;
  - 3.2. interests of consumers; and
  - 3.3. equity ownership by Historically Disadvantaged Persons ("HDPs").
4. The Transferee submits that 100% of its equity shareholding is held by HDPs.
5. The application, relevant schedule and any representations received pursuant to this notice will be made available and open for inspection by any interested party in the Authority's library, during the Authority's office hours.
6. Any interested party is invited to lodge written representations to the application within fourteen (14) working days from the date of publication of this notice in the Government Gazette. The Authority will make the application received available for public review on its website: [www.icasa.org.za](http://www.icasa.org.za).
7. Any person who makes written representations must indicate whether they require an opportunity to make oral representations in the event that the Authority decides to hold public hearings.
8. All written representations, responses, and other correspondence in terms of this notice must be directed to Licensing Department, at Block B, 350 Witch – Hazel Avenue, Eco Point Office Park, Eco Park, Centurion **OR** Private Bag X10, Highveld Park, 0169 **OR** by e-mail: [Licensing@icasa.org.za](mailto:Licensing@icasa.org.za).

9. Any person/s who lodge representations in terms of this notice, must also furnish proof that a copy of the representation has been delivered by hand to Lee-Ann Cassie/ Hermien Wessels at Smile Communications (Pty) Ltd, Central Office Park, Unit 4, 257 Jean Avenue, Centurion, Gauteng, 0140. **OR** delivered by e-mail to [lee@bridgeandleeward.com](mailto:lee@bridgeandleeward.com) / [minky@cls-sa.co.za](mailto:minky@cls-sa.co.za) .
10. The Applicant has the right to respond in writing to the written representations made by any interested person/s on the transfer application. The written responses must be lodged with the Authority within twenty-eight (28) working days from the date of publication of this notice in the Government Gazette.
11. The Applicant must, at the time of lodging the written response, furnish proof to the Authority's satisfaction that it has delivered a copy of the response by hand, **OR** by e-mail to the relevant person/s having made the written representations.



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**MOTHIBI G. RAMUSI**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

**DATE:** 7 / 10 / **2026**