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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA (ICASA)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF FINAL TERRESTRIAL BROADCASTING FREQUENCY PLAN, 2008

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("The Authority") hereby gives notice in accordance with section 34 of the Act. After due consideration of comments and representations received pursuant to the two published draft terrestrial broadcasting frequency plans, the Authority has now determined the Final Terrestrial Broadcasting Frequency Plan 2008 and hereby publishes the plan accordingly.

Copies of the plan are available from ICASA offices at Pinmill Farm, 164 Katherine Street, Block D, Sandton and on ICASA website <http://www.icasa.org.za>

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Authority is publishing final draft terrestrial broadcasting frequency plan 2008 in terms of in terms of sections 30 (1) and 34 of the ECA, as an annexure to the National Radio Frequency Plan. This document should thus be read together with the National Radio Frequency Plan. The document is published for the purposes of adding further detail to the allotment of broadcasting frequencies, with a specific emphasis on frequencies that will be assigned for digital migration purposes.

After due consideration of comments and representations received pursuant to the two published draft broadcasting frequency plan 2008, the Authority has made a determination on the allotment and assignment of frequencies for the dual illumination period. This determination will, in particular, assist the electronic communications network services (ECNS) in the rollout of an electronic communications network for digital terrestrial television across the country. In the interest of providing the necessary clarity in respect of the Authority's perspective of the whole broadcasting sector, the document also highlight the allotment of frequencies for the purposes of sound broadcasting services.

The Authority published the first final Terrestrial Broadcast frequency plan in October 1999. Two revisions have since been published in July 2002 and December 2005 respectively. To incorporate frequencies for digital terrestrial television a draft plan based on GE06 was published in 2008 as part of public consultative exercise for public comments. In response to the draft, public comments were received and a workshop was held with industry on 11 - 12 March 2009.

The second draft terrestrial broadcasting frequency plan 2008 was published on 6 July 2009 for the public to make further comments before a final determination is made and subsequently public hearing were held on 16 to 18 September where representations were made on all pertinent issues.