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NOTICE 1007 OF **2007**



Independent Communications Authority of South Africa

Pinmill Farm, 164 Katherine Sandton Private X10002, Sandton, 2146

APPLICATION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF BROADCASTING LICENCE CONDITIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE **EXPANSION** OF THE COVERAGE AREA FOR SABC (PTY) LTD IN **RESPECT** OF LOTUS FM, LESEDI FM AND UMHLOBO WENENE

LOTUS FM

- 1. The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") hereby gives notice, in terms of the provisions of section 10(2) of the Electronic Communications Act, No. 36 of 2005, that it has received applications from SABC (Pty) Ltd ("the applicant") for the amendment to the broadcasting licences of Lotus FM, Lesedi FM and Umhlobo Wenene in terms of section 10(1) (c) of the Act.
- 2. The amendment is sought to enable the applicant to increase access to its services as follows:
 - 2.1 Lotus FM's coverage increase at East London, Empangeni, Newcastle, and Nelspruit to target the Indian community. The proposed expansion will increase the coverage of Lotus FM by 1.4%, increasing the total coverage of the station to 87%.
 - 2.2 Lesedi FM's coverage increase at Mafikeng in the North West Province where a large group of Sesotho speaking people reside outside the existing coverage area of Lesedi FM. The proposed expansion will increase coverage of Lesedi FM by 0.3%, increasing the total coverage of the station to 77.8% of home language Sesotho speakers.
 - 2.3 Umhlobo Wene FM's coverage increase at Mafikeng in the North West Province where a large group of isiXhosa speaking reside outside the existing coverage area of Umhlobo Wenene FM. The proposed expansion will increase the coverage of Umhlobo Wenene FM 0.25, increasing the total coverage of the station to 83.61 %, of home language isiXhosa speakers.

- 3. The effective date of the amendment would be the date on which the Authority's decision on the application would be published.
- 4. The applications, relevant schedules and any representations *received* pursuant thereto would be made available and open for inspection by interested parties in the Authority's library during the Authority's normal office hours.
- 5. Interested parties are invited to lodge written representations in relation to the application within twenty one (21) days of the date of publication of this notice which will expire on 11 September 2007. Persons who lodge representations in terms hereof must simultaneously indicate whether they also require an opportunity to make oral representations to the Authority.
- 6. All written representations, responses and other correspondence in terms hereof must be directed to Herbert Fischat at The Licensing Unit, Broadcasting Division, Independent Communications Authority of South Africa at Block D, Pinmill Farm, 164 Katherine Street, Sandton, Johannesburg or Private Bag x 10002 Sandton, 2146 or by fax no. (011) 444 1461.
- 7. Persons who lodge representations in terms hereof, shall at the time of lodgement furnish proof to the satisfaction of the Authority that a copy of the representation has been delivered by hand to Ms. Lara Kantor, General Manager: Broadcasting, Policy and Regulatory Affairs, SABC Radio Park, 2092 Henley Road, Auckland Park, or sent by registered post to Private Bag X1, Auckland Park 2006 or by fax to (011) 7144816.
- 8. SASC (Pty) Ltd shall be entitled to respond in writing to written representations made by interested persons on the proposed amendment, and such written response must be lodged with the Authority within fourteen (14) days of the closing date of the representations. SASC (Pty) Ltd must, at the time of lodging such written response, furnish proof to the Authority's satisfaction that it has delivered a copy of such response by hand, or has sent a copy of such response by registered mail or by facsimile to the relevant person having made such written representations.

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SCHEDULE 1

(SASC LOTUS FM EXPANSION)



TRANSMISSION SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROPOSED LOTUS FM EXPANSION

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[,] Proposed frequency- to be confirmed by (CASA

SCHEDULE 2

(SASe LESEDI FM EXPANSION)



DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN FOR PROPOSED LESEDI FM EXPANSION

SESOTHO POPULATION PROFILE											
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SCHEDULE 3

(SABC UMHLOBO WENENE EXPANSION)



DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN FOR PROPOSED UMHLOBO WENENE FM EXPANSION

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Tx Site	Tx Power (kWI	T=rget	Cov: :ed	% Covered	{n⊂re≘se	% Increase					
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