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NOTICE 375 OF 2008



The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("ICASA") on 05 March 2008, issued a Media Release and announced that it would hold public hearings in respect of the conversion of the Value Added Network Services ("the VANS) Licences into Individual Electronic Communications Network Services ("ECNS") Licences and invited those who wish to make oral representations to respond by 7 March 2008. The Authority has now received responses and has prepared a schedule for the hearing as set out below.

The public hearings will, further to the responses received pursuant to Government Gazette No. 30438 and No. 30352, afford the existing VANS licensees interested in obtaining Individual ECNS Licences the opportunity to make oral presentations to the Authority to demonstrate why their licences should be converted to individual ECNS. Each VANS licensee will be afforded 25 minutes to present and thereafter 15 minutes for questions and answers from the Panel.

The Authority will only afford the VANS licensees who were granted licences prior to 19 July 2006 and who responded to the Media Release the opportunity to make oral representations.

The VANS Licensees presenting at the hearing will be expected to demonstrate the following:

- (i) They are providing services using facilities duly obtained in terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- (ii) Intention to roll out an ECN of national scope. To establish the intention, the licensee ought to have submitted the proposed:
 - (a) Technical plan,
 - (b) Financial projections (5 years) to support roll-out, and
 - (c) Business record of the licensee
- (iii) Licensee has an Existing Licence (as defined in the Act);
- (iv) They intend or already providing international connectivity;
- (v) Has a minimum of 30% Historically Disadvantaged Persons.
- (vi) Promise of performance including universal service and access obligations, in the event that the licensee is favourably considered for an individual ECNS
- (vii) Ability to pay fixed licence.

SCHEDULE

HEARINGS: 17, 18 AND 19 MARCH 2008

| DATE | TIME | COMPANY |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 17 March | 09h00-09H40 | ECN Telecomms |
| | 09h40-10h20 | EasyComs |
| | 10h20-11h00 | Internet Solutions |
| | 11h00-11h40 | Trusc Technologies |
| | 11h40-12h20 | Infosat |
| | 12h20-13h00 | Xtranet |
| | Lunch | |
| | 14h00-14h40 | Imperial Online |
| | 14h40-15h20 | Business Connection |
| | 15h20-16h00 | Global Webintact |
| | 16h00-16h40 | CMC Networks |
| | 16h40-17h20 | Cybersmart |
| 18 March | 09h00-09H40 | MWeb |
| | 09h40-10h20 | Q Digital |
| | 10h20-11h00 | Connection Telecom |
| | 11h00-11h40 | Goal Technology Solutions |
| | 11h40-12h20 | Datapro |
| | 12h20-13h00 | Gateway Communications |
| | Lunch | |
| | 14h00-14h40 | Spescom Special Resources |
| | 14h40-15h20 | 24-7 Online |
| | 15h20-16h00 | ISOGO and Powerlines |
| | 16h00-16h40 | Amobia Communications |
| | 16h40-17h20 | First Rand Bank |
| 19 March | 09h00-09H40 | Frogfoot Networks (Pty) Ltd |
| | 09h40-10h20 | Telfree |
| | 10h20-11h00 | BNR Consulting CC |
| | 11h00-11h40 | Mr D Ramsay |
| | 11h40-12h20 | Autumn Star trading as Entiativ |
| | 12h20-13h00 | X Net |
| | Lunch | |
| | 14h00-14h40 | Global Star Satellite |
| | 14h40-15h20 | Infovan |

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