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**GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS**

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**INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA  
NOTICE 637 OF 2016****ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ACT, 2005 (ACT NO. 36 OF 2005)****APPLICATION FOR A RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM LICENCE BY TRANSNET SOC LTD TO USE PART OF 1800MHz CENTRE GAP (1785 – 1805 MHz).**

1. The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (“the Authority”) hereby gives notice that it has received an application from TRANSNET SOC Ltd (Transnet), for a radio frequency spectrum licence to use the 1800MHz band centre gap at National Ports and Harbours. A copy of the application is available at ICASA Library.
2. Transnet, a holder of I-ECS and I-ECNS licences needs to replace old analogue voice radio systems with modern digital voice and data systems in managing its national port rail network operations. The deployment of the modern digital system requires spectrum suitable for long term evolution technologies. Hence Transnet has filed an application for 5MHz of radio frequency spectrum in the 1800MHz frequency band. The 5MHz applied for constitutes the centre gap of the 1800MHz band.
3. Part of the centre gap of the 1800MHz band is currently licensed to Wireless Business Solutions (Pty) Ltd as reflected in the “Spectrum use and availability document” which is made available on the ICASA website.<sup>1</sup>

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<https://www.icasa.org.za/LegislationRegulations/EngineeringTechnology/RadioFrequencySpectrumManagement/FrequencySpectrumUsageandAvailability/tabid/394/ctl/ItemDetails/mid/1288/ItemID/12762/Default.aspx>.

4. The use of these frequencies will be confined to the following Ports and Harbours:
  - Port Elizabeth
  - Cape Town
  - Durban Port
  - East London
  - Saldanha Port
  - Richards Bay
  
5. Interested parties are invited to lodge written representations in relation to the application within fourteen (14) working days of the date of publication of this notice in the *Government Gazette*.
  
6. All written representations, responses and other correspondence in terms hereof must be directed to Mr Joseph Dikgale at Licensing Division, at ICASA, Pinmill Farm, 164 Katherine Street, Sandton, Johannesburg **OR** Private Bag X10002 Sandton, 2146 **OR** by fax no. (011) 566 3365 **OR** by e-mail: [JDikgale@icasa.org.za](mailto:JDikgale@icasa.org.za)
  
7. Persons who lodge representations in terms hereof, shall at the time of lodgement furnish proof to the satisfaction to the Authority that a copy of the representation has been delivered by hand to Transnet SOC Ltd marked for the attention of Mr Selby Mchunu at Inyanda 3, 11 Girton Road, Park town, 2193 **OR** by registered post to PO Box 30943, Braamfontein, 2017 **OR** by telefax to (011) 583 0549 **OR** email: [Selby.mchunu@transnet.net](mailto:Selby.mchunu@transnet.net)

8. Transnet shall be entitled to respond in writing to written representations made by interested persons on the amendment application, and such written response must be lodged with the Authority within twenty-one (21) working days of the date of publication of this notice in the *Government Gazette*. Transnet 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 **OR** by email to the relevant person who made such written representations.



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