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SOUTH AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATORY AUTHORITY



NOTICE IN RESPECT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND BY LICENSEES IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR—SR 0003

By virtue of the powers vested in the South African Telecommunications Regulatory Authority ("the Authority") in terms of sections 67 and 96 of the Telecommunications Act, 1996 (Act No. 103 of 1996) ("Act"), the Authority hereby gives notice of its intention to make regulation which from 31 March 1998 shall govern the contributions to the Universal Service Fund by licensees in the telecommunications sector.

All interested persons are hereby invited to submit written representations on the intended regulation to the Authority not later than 16:30 on Thursday, 19 March 1998, for the attention of **Mr K. Mkhize at c/o SATRA, Private Bag X1, MARLBORO, 2063; Fax: (011) 448-2499; Tel.: (011) 448-2497**. Persons who would like to make oral representations should state so in their written representations. Oral representations will be held on Monday, 23 March 1998 from 10:00 at Block B, Pin Mill Farm, 164 Katherine Street, Sandton. Each oral presentation should not exceed 20 minutes.

Copies of representations submitted will be available to the public during the normal business hours of the Authority (Monday to Friday, except public holidays from 08:30 to 16:30) at a cost R0,50 a page.

Persons who make representations may request (giving reasons) that their representations not be made available to the public, whereafter the Authority shall determine whether the submitted representation complies with the statutory provisions relating to confidentiality, and shall inform such persons of its determination. Where the Authority determines that such representation does not justify confidentiality, the person that made such representation shall be entitled to withdraw such representation if he or she does not agree with the Authority's determination.

SECTION A:

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

1. Pursuant to the Ministerial Policy Directive No. 3 of 7 May 1997, and section 67 of the Telecommunications Act, 1996 (Act No. 103 of 1996), annual contributions by licensees shall on aggregate be R20 m (twenty million Rand) made up as follows:
 - 1.1 Telkom SA LTD shall contribute R10 m (ten million Rand).
 - 1.2 All other licensees shall on aggregate contribute a sum of R10 m (ten million Rand) as follows:
 - 1.2.1 All telecommunications operators, including voice and data service providers (excluding Telkom SA LTD), e.g. Vodacom, MTN, WBS, Fleetcall, Swiftnet, Q Trunk, etc. shall contribute 0,08% of each of their operating revenues; and
 - 1.2.2 all other licensees (excluding Telkom SA LTD), including but not limited to, value-added network licensees (interim licensees and those deemed to be licensees under the Act); and Private Telecommunications Networks Licensees ("PTNL's") (interim licensees and those deemed to be licensees under the Act) shall each pay 19,5% of their licence fees.

SECTION B:

DATE AND THE MANNER OF PAYMENT

1. All payments shall be made in full on or before 31 March 1998 to the Universal Service Agency.
2. Interim VANS and PTNs holders shall pay proportionate amount for the period during which they were licensed for the year ending 31 March 1998.

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