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I, Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri, Minister of Communications, hereby amend *Government Gazette* No. 23010 of Notice No. 27 of 7 January 2002 as indicated in the attached Schedule.

The said notice was issued in terms of section 34 (2) read with section 32B and 35 (4) of the Telecommunications Act, 1996 (No. 103 of 1996, as amended), inviting historically disadvantaged groups to apply for a 19% equity interest in the Second National Operator, which will be licensed in 2002, to provide public switched telecommunication services in the Republic of South Africa.

I. MATSEPE-CASABURRI

Minister of Communications

SCHEDULE

1. Paragraph 2.1 of the notice referred to above is amended to read as follows:

2.1.4	Deadline for submission of Applications	15 April 2002
2.1.5	Authority completes Evaluation of Applications	14 June 2002
2.1.6	Authority transmits recommendation to the Minister.	14 June 2002
2.1.7	Minister notifies Authority of decision to grant application	1 July 2002

- 2. By the deletion of clauses 1.5.1 to 1.5.3 and substituted by the following clauses:
 - "1.5.1 Any applicant shall be subject to the provisions of regulations promulgated in terms of section 52 of the Telecommunications Act."
 - "1.5.2 An applicant or member or shareholder thereof, who holds directly or indirectly more than an ownership interest or a controlling interest (as defined in the section 52 regulations) in a public switched telecommunications service (PSTS) licence shall provide an undertaking in its application that they shall, if successful, dispose of such ownership or controlling interest within 6 months of the SNO being awarded the licence."
 - "1.5.3 The approval of the Authority must be obtained for any changes in the ownership structure of the licensee.
- 3. By the deletion of 4.3 at page 15 and substituted by the following clause:
 - "4.3 The applicant shall undertake that in the event that it is a successful bidder, it shall together with Eskom, Transnet and the successful local and/or international applicant, satisfy all requirements of the applicable laws.".
- 4. By deletion of clause 12.1 on page 23 and by the substitution with the following clauses:
 - "12.1 The Applications submitted to the Authority by the closing date shall be binding upon the Applicants."
 - "12.2 The Authority may disqualify any application that is not in compliance with provisions of this invitation, the Act and any regulations promulgated thereunder."

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