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GENERAL NOTICE

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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