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Independent Communications Authority of South Africa

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Broadcasting Frequency Plan Workshop "Towards the Digital Dividend"

- 1) The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("The Authority") published a discussion document (Government Gazette No. 31501, Notice No. 1272) on the Draft Terrestrial Broadcasting Frequency Plan 2008
- 2) In terms of the notice (No 1272) interested parties were invited to make written comments to the draft plan, by no later than 16H00 21 November 2008 and the date was extended to 16 January 2009.
- 3) The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") hereby invites all interested stakeholders to a two day workshop on the broadcasting frequency plan. The workshop constitutes a preliminary consultation in the process of developing a comprehensive broadcasting frequency plan. While the workshop will seek consensus on a range of key regulatory and technical issues, the Authority reserves a right to convene further public hearings on all outstanding matters. Only stakeholders who made written submissions to the frequency plan have been allocated time to make presentations. Each stakeholder is required to make a thirty (30) minutes presentation during day one, highlighting pertinent issues that should drive the broadcasting frequency plan. Other interested stakeholders, who did not make written submissions, will participate during plenary discussions.

Venue: Protea Hotel Balalaika Sandton

Date: 4 and 5 March 2009

Broadcasting Frequency Plan Workshop
“Towards the Digital Dividend”
Day 1: Agenda-Approach Policy and Regulatory Issues

Chairperson: Councillor Robert Nkuna

Action	Speaker	Time
1. Opening & welcome	Councillor Mthobeli Zokwe	8:45 – 9:00
2. Towards Digital dividend	Mr. Paris Mashile (Chairperson)	9:00 – 09:15
3. Presentation	Mr Dumisa Ngwenya(GM: E&T)	09:15 – 9:45
4. Signal Distributors	Sentech	9:45 – 10:15
	Orbicom	10:15 – 11:15
Tea/Coffee		
6. Broadcasting Services	SABC	11:30 - 12:00
	E-TV	12:00 – 12:30
	MNET	12:30 – 13:00
9. Presentation	SA Square KM Array Project	13:00 – 13:30
Lunch		
5. Electronic Communication Services	Vodacom, MTN, FLO Forum,Qualcom	14:00 – 15:00
7. Sound Broadcasting Services	Radio Pulpit, Radio Veritas, NAB	15:00 -- 16:00
8. Subscription Services	Telkom Media	16:00 – 16:30
9. Discussions	Plenary discussions	16:30 --17:00
10. Closure	Councillor Brenda Ntombela	17:00

**Broadcasting Frequency Plan Workshop
 “Towards the Digital Dividend”
 Day 2: Agenda – Technical Issues**

Chairperson: Councillor Robert Nkuna

Action	Speaker/Facilitator	Time
1. Opening & welcome	Councillor Mthobeli Zokwe	8:45 – 9:00
2. Models and Planning Parameters	Facilitator	9:00 – 12:30
Lunch		
3. Digital Networks, assessment of interferences and Proposed changes	Facilitator	13:00 - 16:30
8. Way Forward and Closure	Councillor Robert Nkuna	16:30 – 16:30

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