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GENERAL NOTICE

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**INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA
(ICASA)**

NOTICE IN FOR RE-CATEGORIZATION OF MEDIUM WAVE FREQUENCIES.

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("The Authority") hereby gives notice in terms of the provisions of section 30(2) of the Electronic Communication Act, Act No. 36 of 2005 ("the EC Act"), of its intention to re-categorized all underutilized "commercial" and "public" Medium Wave Frequencies for "Community Radio Services".

The Authority received requests from various concerned community broadcasters to consider re-categorizing the underutilized Medium Wave "commercial" and "public" Frequencies to "community", in areas that show high spectrum demand from the community broadcasters. The Medium Wave spectrum is currently underutilized, as may be seen from the current Broadcasting Frequency Plan. The last Medium Wave Frequency assignment was made in January 1999.

This shows that over the past eleven (11) years there has not been much interest for Medium Wave spectrum. However, some commercial broadcasters like *Life Music Radio* have recently shown great interest to the spectrum. Even with this interest the demand from the community broadcasters outweighs that of the commercial and public counterparts. It is also not foreseeable that the demand for Medium Wave spectrum from commercial and public broadcasters would significantly increase in the near future.

The detailed specifications of the proposed re-categorization are in schedule A below. The effective date of the re-categorization would be the date on which the Authority's decision on re-categorization would be published after consideration of all received public comments.

Interested parties are invited to lodge written representations in relation to the re-categorization within 30 days from the date of publication. All written representations, responses and other correspondence in terms of herof must be directed to:

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Schedule A**Spare Commercial and Public Medium Wave Frequencies**

NO	TRANSMITTING STATION NAME	GEO. CO-ORDINATES		FREQ (kHz)	ANTENNA		ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS			
		LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		EMRP	POL	PROGRAMME	ON-AIR DATE	STAT	CAT
3	BLOEMFONTEIN	26E13 00	29S06 00	783	50	V			SPA	CML
4	BLOEMFONTEIN	26E13 00	29S06 00	675	50	V			SPA	PBS
7	DURBAN	30E40 00	29S46 00	567	50	V			SPA	CML
8	DURBAN	30E40 00	29S46 00	801	50	V			SPA	PBS
12	EAST LONDON	27E48 00	32S56 00	909	2	V			SPA	CML
13	EAST LONDON	27E48 00	32S56 00	684	20	V			SPA	PBS
14	GA-RANKUWA	27E55 35	25S37 00	702	500	V			SPA	CML
16	GA-RANKUWA	27E53 27	25S37 13	540	100	V			SPA	PBS
17	GRAHAMSTOWN	26E42 00	33S17 00	810	5	V			SPA	CML
18	GRAHAMSTOWN	26E42 00	33S17 00	621	5	V			SPA	PBS
22	KIMBERLEY	24E54 00	28S51 00	1242	2	V			SPA	CML
23	KLIPHEUWEL	18E42 30	33S42 00	567	27	V			SPA	CML
19	KLIPHEUWEL	18E42 30	33S42 00	729	27.41	V			SPA	CML
27	MARAISBURG	27E55 13	26S11 41	828	1	V			SPA	CML
28	MARAISBURG	27E55 13	26S11 41	729	1	V			SPA	CML
34	PIETERMARITZBURG	30E19 00	29S34 00	765	25	V			SPA	PBS
35	PIETERMARITZBURG	30E19 00	29S34 00	666	5	V			SPA	CML
37	PIETERSBURG	29E29 00	23S59 00	990	5	V			SPA	CML
38	PIETERSBURG	29E29 00	23S59 00	864	5	V			SPA	PBS
39	PIETERSBURG	29E29 00	23S59 00	1116	10	V			SPA	PBS
40	PORT ELIZABETH	25E26 00	33S56 00	1044	10	V			SPA	CML
41	PORT ELIZABETH	25E26 00	33S56 00	1179	10	V			SPA	CML
42	PORT ELIZABETH	25E26 00	33S56 00	1314	380	V			SPA	PBS
43	PRETORIA	27E59 00	25S41 00	1332	5	V			SPA	CML
45	PRETORIA	27E59 00	25S41 00	1440	350	V			SPA	CML
47	SIBASA MF	30E24 49	23S01 45	1035	100	V			SPA	PBS
49	UMTATA	28E45 00	31S57 00	558	50	V			SPA	CML
50	UMZIMKULU	29E50 00	30S19 00	603	10	V			SPA	CML