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DRAFT INVITATION TO APPLY

FOR

RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM LICENCE

TO PROVIDE MOBILE BROADBAND WIRELESS ACCESS SERVICE FOR URBAN AND RURAL AREAS USING THE COMPLIMENTARY BANDS, 800MHz AND 2.6GHz

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") hereby issues an Erratum to Government Gazette No. 34872 published on 15 December 2011.

The Authority published a draft spectrum assignment plan together with the ITA on combined licensing of 800 MHz and 2.6 GHz bands for broadband wireless access services. This was done in terms of section 31(3) of the Electronic Communications Act, 2005 (Act No. 36 of 2005) ("the Act") read with Regulation 7 of the Radio Frequency Spectrum Regulations 2011, published in Government Gazette No. 34172, Notice 184 of 2011 (the regulations).

The Authority issues an Erratum to revise the Spectrum Time Table taking into consideration the Policy Directive timelines and to set out the Roll-out Targets.

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Dr SS Mncube

CHAIRPERSON

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The ERRATUM to the draft ITA with respect to the replacement of Item 5 and the insertion of Item 8 in schedule A of the ITA to read as follows;

5. SPECTRUM LICENSING TIME TABLE

- 5.1 The authority will endeavor to license the Spectrum in terms of the following timelines
 - 5.1.1 Publication of the Spectrum Plan by 15 December 2011
 - 5.1.2 Closing date for Comments by 29 February 2012
 - 5.1.3 Public Hearings from 07 to 09 March 2012
 - 5.1.4 Final Publication of the ITA on 21 March 2012
 - 5.1.5 Closing date for applications on 26 April 2012
 - 5.1.6 Finalize the Licensing Process on 31 May 2012

8. ROLLOUT TARGETS

- 8.1 The rollout target and obligation on successful licensees are as follows;
 - 8.1.1 Package 1 will be 70% geographic coverage in 5 years of which 50% must exclude Gauteng, Cape Town and Durban metros.
 - 8.1.2 Package 2 and 3 will be 50% population coverage in four years.


