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**GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS**

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**INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA****NOTICE 397 OF 2019****ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ACT, 2005 (ACT NO. 36 OF 2005)****LIFTING OF THE MORATORIUM OF THE MORATORIUM ON COMMUNITY  
SOUND BROADCASTING LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

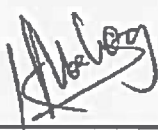
1. On 22 September 2015, the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") published a Notice of a Moratorium in respect of Applications for Class Community Sound Broadcasting Service Licences and Applications for Radio Frequency Spectrum for Purposes of Providing a Community Broadcasting Service<sup>1</sup> ("the Moratorium").
2. The imposition of the Moratorium was necessitated by:
  - 2.1. A scarcity of analogue radio frequencies;
  - 2.2. The review of the Authority's Licensing Processes and Procedures Regulations wherein it intends to process registrations for class community broadcasting licences in two intervals per year; and
  - 2.3. The development of a new regulatory framework for community broadcasting services.
3. The Authority further indicated in the above-mentioned notice that the Moratorium would be lifted by a notice published in the Government Gazette.
4. The Authority published a new framework for community broadcasting in the form of the Community Broadcasting Services Regulations 2019<sup>2</sup> on 22 March 2019 ("New Community Broadcasting Framework").

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<sup>1</sup> Government Gazette No. 39226

<sup>2</sup> Government Gazette No 42323

5. Accordingly, the Authority hereby gives notice of the lifting of the Moratorium.
  
6. The Authority will consider applications for class community sound broadcasting service licences and radio frequency spectrum for purposes of providing a community broadcasting service in line with the New Community Broadcasting Framework which - amongst others - provides that the Authority must;
  - 6.1. publish an invitation for prospective applicants to submit pre-registration notice;
  
  - 6.2. decide on the pre-registration notice within ninety (90) days after the closing date for submission of the pre-registration notice; and
  
  - 6.3. Where the Authority is satisfied that the Applicant meets the requirements for the granting of a licence, the Authority will communicate such decision to the Applicant in writing, following which the Applicant may lodge the application for a community broadcasting service licence within thirty (30) days of the Authority's written communication.
  
7. The Authority will publish a invitation for prospective applicants to submit a pre-registration notice and list of available frequencies in each district and local municipality as per the Terrestrial Broadcasting Frequency Plan 2013<sup>3</sup>, within three (3) months of publication of this notice.



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**Dr. Keabetswe Modimoeng**  
**Acting Chairperson**

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<sup>3</sup> Published in Government Gazette No. 36321 dated 02 April 2013





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