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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	EON Telecomms	
	09h40-10h20	EasyComs	
	10h20-11h00	Internet Solutions	
	11h00-11h40	Trusc Technologies	
	11h40-12h20	Infosat	
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	16h00-16h40	CMC Networks	
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		09h40-10h20	Q Digital
10h20-11h00		Connection Telecom	
11h00-11h40		Goal Technology Solutions	
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12h20-13h00		Gateway Communications	
Lunch			
19 March	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		XINet	
Lunch			
19 March	14h00-14h40	Global Star Satellite	
	14h40-15h20	Infovan	

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