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Attention: Mr Manyapelo Richard Makgotlho
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Dear Dr Mncube,

Re: Written Submission on the 2nd Draft Frequency Migration Regulation and RF Migration Plan

This submission is made by SKA South Africa in response to the invitation to make written comments on the 2nd Draft Frequency Migration Regulation and Radio Frequency Migration Plan, as published in the Government Gazette No. 36031 on 24th December 2012.

1. SKA South Africa is pleased with the 2nd Draft Frequency Migration Regulation and Radio Frequency Migration Plan as published in Government Gazette No 36031 on 24 December 2012. ICASA has considered and included the additional items proposed by SKA South Africa in its written representation submitted to ICASA on 26 September 2012.
2. SKA South Africa supports the provisions in items 3(7) and 4(f) of the Draft Regulation and in items 1.3, 2.1.4 and 3.4 of the 2nd Draft Radio Frequency Migration Plan. These provisions place the protection of radio astronomy within the astronomy advantage areas to be declared in the Northern Cape Province in terms of the Astronomy Geographic Advantage Act on a strong footing.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this contribution.

Regards

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