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ICASA PROVIDES FURTHER UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2014 CALL TERMINATION REGULATIONS

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Johannesburg – As announced by the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa during the course of last week, ICASA has decided to delay the commencement of the 2014 Call Termination Regulations and extend the operation of the 2010 Call Termination Regulations to allow it and other respondents to prepare and file answering papers in the application brought by Mobile Telephone Networks (Pty) Ltd (MTN) in the High Court for an interim order suspending the bulk of the provisions of the 2014 Regulations.

ICASA's Council initially decided that a delay of two months was needed.

After further consideration and consultation with legal counsel, ICASA's Council has decided that the commencement of the 2014 Regulations need only be delayed by one month. It is in the public interest that MTN's application for interim relief be resolved as expeditiously as possible. After studying the papers, the Council of ICASA is also of the view that a delay of one month is sufficient to ensure that the affected parties have sufficient time to properly prepare their answering papers.

To this end, on 19 February 2014 ICASA published the Call Termination Amendment Regulations, 2014 which (i) delay the commencement of the 2014 Regulations by one month from 1 March 2014 to 1 April 2014 and (ii) extend the operation of the 2010 Regulations by one month.

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