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MEDIA RELEASE

ICASA extends the closing date for submission of comments to the published Information Memorandum for International Mobile Telecommunications

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Johannesburg – The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa would like to inform all stakeholders and the media that it has decided to extend the submission of comments on the published Information Memorandum to **30 October 2015**. This extension is facilitated by requests from interested stakeholders. The Information Memorandum is aimed at providing guidance to prospective applicants regarding the process and criteria to be applied by the Authority in the licensing of the International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) spectrum.

The Information Memorandum was published on the Government Gazette on 11 September 2015 seeking comments from prospective radio frequency spectrum applicants who want to offer mobile broadband, wireless access services for urban and rural areas using the complimentary bands IMT700, IMT800 and IMT2600 for purposes of providing national broadband wireless access services. The closing for the initial submission was 16 October 2015.

The publication of this Information Memorandum is important in that the Authority views mobile telecommunication technologies as critical components in achieving the goal of 'broadband for all citizens' in South Africa.

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