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ICASA forges ahead with the process to review its Type-Approval Framework

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Pretoria – The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) will hold public hearings in respect of the Draft Conformity Assessment Framework for Equipment Authorization document published on the 13th of December 2018.

ICASA has received twenty-two (22) written submissions, twelve (12) of which have confirmed their availability for oral representations. The public hearings will be held on **25 March 2019** at ICASA Head Office located at 350 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Eco-Point Office Park, Eco Park, Centurion from 09h00.

The Electronic Communications Act – which is the law that governs how ICASA regulates the broadcasting and telecommunications sectors provide that; no person may use, supply, sell, offer for sale or lease or hire any type of electronic communications equipment or electronic communications facility, including radio apparatus, used or to be used in connection with the provision of electronic communications, unless such equipment, electronic communications facility or radio apparatus has been approved by ICASA.

Conformity assessment, therefore, is a process used to obtain evidence and proof that equipment and systems conform to the essential requirements and are interoperable with each other as specified. Regulators, service providers, operators as well as users of equipment and systems require such evidence and proof of compliance and quality management when making purchasing decisions.

“ICASA regulates in the public interest, and it is for this reason that we encourage a full industry and public participation in all our processes. Written and oral submissions assist us to make informed decisions that are responsive to the needs of all stakeholders and the South African public,” says ICASA Councillor, Dr. Keabetswe Modimoeng.

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