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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

**MINUTE TO MINISTER**

**BRANCH  
ICT POLICY & STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT**

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**INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY  
OF SOUTH AFRICA AMENDMENT BILL, 2012  
(EXTENSION OF SUBMISSION DATE)**

## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The proposed ICASA Amendment Bill, 2012 has been published in the government Gazette on 23 November 2012, with the closing date of 10 January 2013.
- 1.2 The Department has received several requests to extend the deadline for submission of inputs, the considered view of the ICT Policy & Strategy Development Branch is that the extension can be made by another fourteen (14) working days. Thus far only two submissions have been received.

## **2. PURPOSE**

- 2.1 To request the Minister's approval for extension of the date of submissions on the proposed ICASA Amendment Bill, 2012.
- 2.2 To request the Minister to sign off the Government Notice, extending the date of submissions of the proposed ICASA Amendment Bill, 2012.

## **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Department published the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Amendment Bill, 2012 in the Government Gazette No. 35901, on 23 November 2012 with the closing date of 10 January 2013.

## **4. DISCUSSION**

- 4.1 The 30 working days for the written submissions on the proposed Bill lapses on 10 January 2013. Since the publication of the Bill several companies and industry associations have requested an extension of the period of consultation. This is due to the complex and technical nature of the amendments and several high level consultations and approvals the stakeholders require to finalise their inputs.

4.2 In terms of The Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act 3 of 2000), the Department has met its obligations. However in order to ensure that there is a measure of goodwill and improved buy-in from stakeholders, it may be prudent to extend the consultation by another fourteen (14) working days.

4.3 The new proposed date is 30 January 2013.

## 5. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Minister:

5.1 Approves the extension of the date of submissions on the proposed ICASA Amendment Bill, 2012 to 30 January 2013.

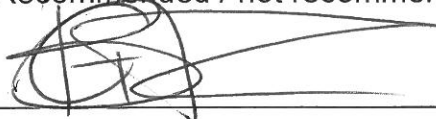
5.2 Signs-off the Government Notice, extending the date of submissions of the proposed ICASA Amendment Bill, 2012.

Submitted for approval by

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**MR THEMBA PHIRI**  
**DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL:**  
**ICT POLICY & STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT BRANCH**  
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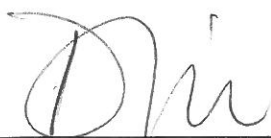


(resubmission, 1st one signed on 7th Jan 2013 as per discussion with DDG : T. Phiri.)

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**MR GIFT BUTHELEZI**  
**ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL**  
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**MS DINA PULE, MP**  
**MINISTER**  
**2013- 01, 10**

**GOVERNMENT NOTICE**

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**No.**

**Date**

**INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA  
AMENDMENT BILL, 2012**

**FURTHER CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED INDEPENDENT  
COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA AMENDMENT BILL, 2012  
PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO. 35901 ON 23 NOVEMBER 2012**

In order to obtain the views of interested persons, I, Dina Pule, Minister of Communications have published the proposed Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Amendment Bill, 2012 published in Government Gazette No. 35901 on 23 November 2012.

In order to obtain further views of the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Amendment Bill, 2012, I hereby invite interested persons to submit further written submissions in relation to the proposed Bill, by no later than 30 January 2013 at any of the following addresses:

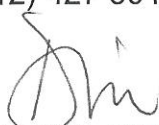
Post: For Attention:  
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ICT Policy Development  
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or e-mail to: [lerato@doc.gov.za](mailto:lerato@doc.gov.za)

please note that comments received after the closing date may be disregarded.

Please contact Ms. Lerato Monareng at (012) 427 8217 or Mr. Khayaletu Rutsha on (012) 427 8019 for any enquiries.



**MS DINA PULE, MP  
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**DATE:** 10.01.2013