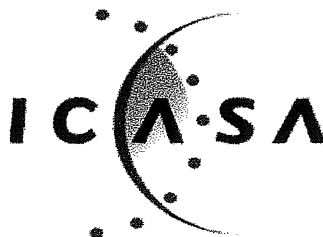

GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 579 OF 2013

INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA



Notice of radio frequency spectrum application for an additional five (5) MHz TDD block in the 2100 MHz band (2010-2015 MHz) by Mobile Telephone Networks (Pty) Ltd.

INTRODUCTION

Mobile Telephone Networks (Pty) Ltd (MTN) is the holder of an I-ECNS and I-ECS licences. MTN is also operating radio frequency spectrum licences in the 8, 10.5, 13, 15, 26, 28 and 38 GHz and, 900, 1800 and 2100 MHz bands.

The Authority is in receipt of a radio frequency spectrum application for an additional five (5) MHz TDD block in the 2100 MHz band (2010-2015 MHz) to provide last mile access in areas where LTE and Fibre are not feasible.

On 22 February 2011, the Authority informed the public, through a government gazette (Notice 94 of 2011, Government Gazette No 34040), of the availability of the 3G and 1800MHz radio frequency bands.

THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE TDD SPECTRUM

The channel plan for 3G bands makes provision for three (3) TDD blocks of 5MHz. Two of the blocks are already licenced to Vodacom and MTN as indicated in the following Table.

Licensee	Bandwidth	Band
Unused	1x5 MHz	(2010 – 2015 MHz)
MTN	1x5 MHz	(2015 – 2020 MHz)
Vodacom	1x5 MHz	(2020 – 2025 MHz)

Interested persons are hereby invited to submit written representations, including an electronic version of the representation in Microsoft Word, of their views on MTN radio spectrum licence application no later than 16h00 on Friday, 14 June 2013.

Written representations or enquiries may be directed to:

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CHAIRPERSON

Item No.	Description	Person Responsible
23.	<p>Application by MTN for additional 5 MHz of TDD spectrum in the 2100 MHz band</p> <p>It was resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There must be a publication in the government gazette informing the public on the status of the 2100 MHz band as well as MTN's application. • Additional 5 MHz of TDD spectrum in the 2100 MHz band should be issued to MTN, twenty one days after publication of the gazette referred to above. 	
24.	<p>Application by Loveworld Christian Network for L-Band trial radio frequency spectrum</p> <p>It was resolved that the application by Loveworld Christian Network Tv for L-Band trial radio frequency spectrum for a period of twelve months, be and is hereby approved.</p>	
25.	<p>Application by Voice of the Cape FM for spectrum licence amendment</p> <p>It was noted that the licensee recently changed its name to Smile FM.</p> <p>It was resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice of the Cape FM's application for the categorisation of channel 91.3 MHz for the provision of community sound broadcasting in the Tygerberg service area, be and is hereby approved. • The amendment of Voice of the Cape FM's radio frequency spectrum licence, be and is hereby approved. • The above amendments should refer to Voice of the Cape FM's new name, Smile FM. <p><i>The CFO and GM: CRA joined the meeting at 15h27.</i></p>	