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MEDIA RELEASE

The implementation of the glide-path to a reduction in call termination rates

Johannesburg – The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa has received numerous requests from licensees requesting the following:

- Which licensees have the right to charge an asymmetric wholesale voice call termination rate?
- How do wholesale voice call termination rates link to number allocations?

The Authority is issuing this statement in the interest of providing further clarity to the industry.

1. Which licensees have the right to charge an asymmetric wholesale voice call termination rate?

On the 28th of January 2011, the Authority issued a notice in the government gazette entitled “Implementation of the asymmetry provisions of the Call Termination regulations”

In this notice, the Authority stipulated that:

- All licensees other than MTN and Vodacom are entitled to charge an asymmetric wholesale call termination rate for termination to a mobile location
- All licensees other than Telkom are entitled to charge an asymmetric wholesale call termination for termination to a fixed location

This will remain the position until further notice. It should be noted that there is no need for licensees to apply on an individual basis for asymmetry.

2. How do termination rates link to number allocations?

Numbers already issued to licensees were issued under the terms and conditions consistent with the Numbering Plan regulations which identify that certain numbers are to be used for specific services.

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The table below identifies number allocation to markets 1 (mobile location) and 2 (fixed location) of the call termination regulations

Type of Number	ABC Code reference	Market
All numbers with geographic significance	01X, 02X, 03X, 04X, 05X	Market 2
Mobile Cellular Services	071, 072, 073, 074, 076, 078, 079, 081, 082, 083, 084,	Market 1
Non-geographic number	081	Market 2
	085	Market 1 or Market 2 dependent on use – to be proven by licensees during commercial negotiation
	086	Market 2 + Value Added Network Service charge
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