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Notice to postpone the implementation of geographic number portability

JOHANNESBURG - The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa hereby gives notice to postpone the implementation of the Geographic Number Portability process for individual customers.

Geographic Number Portability (also known as Fixed Number Portability) - the ability of fixed-line customers to switch from one fixed-line operator to another without losing their fixed-line numbers – this process became effective from the **18th May 2009**.

It should be noted that Geographic Number Portability was to be implemented in phases with the first phase only dealing with blocks of one thousand (1000) and ten thousand (10000) numbers and more (i.e. mostly corporate customers), and the second phase was to deal with individual numbers (i.e. mostly for residential customers)

In terms of the regulations, porting of individual customers was to take place within 10 months following the implementation of the first phase. However, after the Authority consulted with operators (i.e. Telkom and Neotel) regarding the readiness on the second phase, it was agreed that due to unforeseen technical challenges, it may not be possible to launch the second phase of this process on 18 March 2010. The second phase will only be implemented on 26 April 2010.

For more information on porting, the public is encouraged to contact the operators, i.e. Neotel and Telkom.

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