GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 799 OF 2014



Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Pinmill Farm, 164 Katherine Street, Sandton Private Bag X10002, Sandton, 2146

GENERAL NOTICE: APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE ACQUISITION OF NEOTEL (PTY) LTD BY VODACOM (PTY) LTD

- The Independent Authority Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") hereby gives notice in terms of section 13 (6) read with section 9 (2) (a) the Electronic Communications Act "EC Act" (Act no. 36 of 2005) as amended that the Authority has received an Application for approval of the acquisition of Neotel (Pty) Ltd by Vodacom SA (Pty) Ltd ("Application").
- 2. In terms of the transaction, the salient features of the agreement between the parties are briefly, as follows:
 - a) Vodacom SA (Pty) Ltd will only acquire the entire share capital of Neotel (Pty) Ltd;
 - b) Neotel (Pty) Ltd will remain a company and a licensee; and
 - c) Neotel (Pty) Ltd will retain all its licences the Authority granted.
- 3. The Application, relevant schedule and any representations received pursuant thereto will be made available and open for inspection by interested parties in the Authority's library during the Authority's normal office hours.
- 4. Interested parties are invited to lodge written representations in relation to the Application within twenty one (21) working days of the date of publication of this notice in the Government Gazette.
- 5. Any person who may submit any representations must indicate in their written representations whether they require an opportunity to make oral representations in the event the Authority may hold a public hearing.

6. Any written representations, response and related correspondence in terms hereof, must be directed to:

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)

FOR ATTENTION: Mr Godfree Maulana

- ECS/ECNS Manager Block D, Pinmill Farm 164 Katherine Street Sandton Or send via <u>registered post</u>: Private Bag X10002, Sandton, 2146. Or by send <u>fax no</u>: 011 566-3216 Or send by <u>e-mail</u>: EcsEcns.Compliance@icasa.org.za.
- 7. Any person who may submit written representations in terms hereof must at the time of submission, furnish proof to the satisfaction of the Authority that a copy of the written representations has been delivered by hand as follows:

FOR ATTENTION: Dr Tracy Cohen

44 Old Main Pretoria Road

Halfway House, MIDRAND 1685

Or send by registered post: PostNet Suite 612, Private Bag X29, Gallo Manor,

Johannesburg, 2052.

Or send by fax no.: 011 585-3729

Or send via e-mail: tracy.cohen@neotel.co.za.

8. Neotel (Pty) Ltd has a right to respond in writing to any written representations any interested person may submit on the Application. Neotel (Pty) Ltd therefore must submit the written response to the Authority within forty two (42) working days of the date of publication of this notice in the Government Gazette. Neotel (Pty) Ltd must, at the time of submission of the written response, furnish proof to the Authority's satisfaction that it has delivered a copy of the response by hand, or has sent a copy of the response by registered mail or by facsimile or by e-mail to the relevant person having made the written representations.

Dr Stephen Mncube ICASA Chairperson

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