

Date	20 February 2018 : 09h30	
Time:		
enue: Block B, Council Boardroom		
Present	Chairperson	
	Member	
By Invitation	CEO	
	Specialist: Finance o.b.o CFO	
	Acting SM:Office of the Chairperson	
	Secretariat Officer	
Partial Attendees	Executive:HR	
	GM: Licensing	
	Executive:Legal,Risk and CCC	
	SM:ICT Licensing	
	Senior Manager: Spectrum: Licensing	
	GM: Consumer and Compliance Affair	
	National Association of Broadcasters	
Apologies	Member	
	Member	
	CFO	
	CAE	



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	Action Item	Person Responsible
1.	Opening and apologies	Chairperson
	The Chairperson, opened the meeting at 09h35 and welcomed all present.	
	Cllr requested to be excused at 13:00 to attend an external matter but will return at 14:00	
	Cll equested to be excused at 15:00pm	
	The following apologies were noted: -	
	 Cllr was on maternity. Cllr as in attending the GMSA Mobile World Congress Barcelona CFO attended the CRASA Audit and Finance Committee Meeting in Windhoek, Namibia CAE attended the CRASA Audit and Finance Committee Meeting in Windhoek, Nambia 	
2.	Ratification of agenda	Council
	The following items were added:	
	Update on the End User Subscription	
	ANN7 and MultiChoice matter under -6.1	
	Cost to Communicate- Harings on the 1 st and 2 nd March 2018,Public Hearings :A press briefing to be released on the 20 th February 2018	
	It was resolved that the Agenda be approved with additions.	



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3.	Declaration of interest No conflict of interest was noted at the meeting.	All
4.	Adoption of previous minutes	Council
4.1	Meeting held on 07 February 2018 Pg1-Clir s'name not but On Apologies include the apology of Councillor Qocha Page 3- Correct the word Interoperator to Inter-Operator Pg. 6, point 5.5 falls under 5.6.	Council
5.	It was resolved that the Draft Minutes of Council for the 07th February 2018 be approved with corrections Matters arising from previous minutes	Secretariat/CEO
5.1	Imminent expiry of the terms of contract for three (3) members of the Complaints and Compliance Committee The advertisement has closed. Council requested that in future the advertisement should have a disclaimer indicating that employees within the public sector will not be remunerated. Legal is preparing Report to Council	CEO
5.2	Council bilateral with the Minister Council performance agreements. Council remuneration and Bilateral meeting with Minister A letter on Council remuneration was sent to the Minister on the 16 November 2017.	Council



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	A letter should be written to the Minister indicating that Councillors can't sign retrospective contracts	
5.3	Council Decisions for Website publication	Council
	Secretariat will implement publication.	
	The decision register has been sent to Corporate Services for publication	
5.4	Industrial Relations ("Standing Item")	Council
	Discussions with the Union are on-going.	
	Recognition Agreement with NTUC may be settled soon. Settlement Agreement: Referral to the CCMA to amend has been send to the Labour Court. Review application still in proceeding in Court but management still open to negotiate.	
5.5	CRASA ("Standing Item")	Cllr
	The minutes of the last CRASA meeting will be submitted to Council. Next CRASA AGM is scheduled for April 2018 in Swaziland. "Standing Item"	
5.6	Status report on the 5G Forum Project	Clir
	The Authority has requested WWRF to send requirements for the 2018 WWRF 5G Huddle.	
	Report was table at Council	
5.7	Developments around participation and contributions made within the ITU-R Study Group 5	CEO



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	On-going.	
5.8	Competition Commission Market Inquiry	Clir
	Status has not changed. Teams effecting updates on the MOU	
5.9	Inquiry into subscription TV	Clir
	18 submissions were received. The Authority is currently not capacitated to do justice to the inquiry. Four additional members have been added to the project, and a new round robin has been prepared for approval of additional members.	
	Ongoing	
	Committee identified skills gap-Legal has engaged external law firm to assist and to additional external skills will be acquired.	
5.10	Draft Code for Persons with Disabilities Regulations	CII
	Remove from matters Arising	
5.11	SADC Roaming Cost Model Funding	Cllr
	A report was considered by Council. Council resolved that the Authority pay its equitable share after consultation it the National Treasury to seek advice. A Round Robin Resolution will be circulated to be signed by Councillors	
	A letter will them be sent to CRASA to indicate ICASA's commitment to pay equitable share.	
5.12	Cell C v ICASA –Universal Service Obligations (USO)	CEO
	Heads of argument have been filed by both Cell C and the Authority.	
	Hearing on the 09 th March 2018	



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5.13	Cell C recapitalisation transaction (and associated CellSaf compliant)	CEO
	Remove from Matters Arising	
	Reasons document was forwarded to office of the Chairperson	
5.14	Release of existing bandwidth	CEO
	Report has been submitted to secretariat.	
	The process is awaiting guidance from the new minister.	
5.15	Update on the settlement discussions with Ministry of DTPS re the litigation pertaining to the 2016 ITA for IMT Spectrum	CEO
	Letter was sent to DTPS on the counter offer made to them. Response was 19 January 2017, however DTPS has requested an extension.	
	A letter from the department has been received .lt will be submitted to Council.	
5.16	Appeal against decision non-renewal of a Class Community Sound Broadcasting Service License – Lephalale Community Ra	CEO
	Remove the Item from Matters Arising	
5.17	Investigation into possible fraudulent activities conducted by	CEO
5.18	Relocation committee update	CEO



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	The advertisement for the tender has closed. BEC will sit during the month of January 2018, followed by BAC in February 2018. Recommendations will be submitted for Council in March 2018.	
5.19	Inter Operator Disputes Standing agenda item.	Cili
5.20	Phase 1 of Standard Operating Procedures Optimisation Project Item will be tabled at a special Council meeting in January 2018. A special meeting on the 01 March 2017	CEO
5.21	Governance Framework The Governance Framework workshop with DoC still needs to be scheduled.	CEO
5.22	SANDF and SAPS outstanding licensing fees Secretariat will confirm if the letter to both Ministers was sent. The has settled its outstanding fees.	CEO
5.23	Proposed amendments to the organisational structure of ICASA On-going.	ACEO
5.24	International Engagement Strategy The strategy will be tabled in January 2018. CEO has reviewed the draft Report	CEO



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5.25	Office Shut down	CEO
	External stakeholders will be communicated with on the office shut down.	
	Remove this item matters arising.	
61.	Inter/ Intra Operator Disputes("Standing Item")	CEO
	The purpose of this submission was to advise Council of the current Inter-Operator disputes and status thereof to date and for Council to note the status report.	
	The Authority has received various disputes since 2016 from licences to date, to deal with in terms of the ICASA Act, the ECA, the Postal Service Act and the various regulations.	
	Currently all disputes must go through the CCA division. The disputes range from (a) Facilities Leasing,(b) Frequency Interference/sharing/overlap,(c) Interconnection,(d) Numbering,(e) Number Portability,(f) Shareholding and (g) Breach of the Postal Service Act,1998.	
	The SM: Compliance will therefore, keeps record of disputes and compiles Status Report Inter-operator Disputes, to submit to OPCO and Council for noting.	
	It was resolved that the Status Report on Inter-Operator Disputes be noted	
6.2	CRASA 2017/18 Programme("Standing Item")	Clir
6.3	Update on the Relocation Progress	CFO
	On –Going	
	Still on procurement stage.	
		CEO



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7.	Proposed Terms of Employment, Contract of Employment and Letter of Appointment	
	The Executive:HR presented this item:	
	The purpose of this submission was to obtain approval from Council the following:	
	-Proposed terms and conditions of Employment Document -Proposed Terms of Contract of Employment -Proposed letter of appointment	
	The following was noted	
	ICASA has never had Terms and Conditions of Employment .It is good practice that employer provides new employees with a written statement of their terms and conditions of employment when joining the Authority.	
	Remove reference to Woolworths on the policy document in relation to the birth day gift card.	
	It was resolved that the proposed terms and conditions of employment document, proposed terms of contract of employment and the proposed letter of employment be approved.	
8.	Application for the Transfer of Individual Electronic Communications Service (I-ECS) and Individual Electronic Communications Network Service(I-ECNS) Licences from China Times CC to K2015351513 South Africa(Pty) Ltd T/A One Telecom.	CEO
	The GM: Licencing presented this item:	
	The purpose of this memorandum was to recommend that Council to approve the transfer of I-ECS and I-ECNS licences from China Times to K2015351513 South Africa (Pty) Ltd t/a One Telecom ('the transferee") and the reasons document for publication in the Government Gazette.	
	Applicable Legislative Framework.	
	These applications were lodged in terms of the following applicable	



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	legislative and regulatory provisions.	
	Sections 13 and 9(2) of the Electronic Communications Act, no 36 of 2005(EC Act) and; Regulation 11(Form G) of the processes and procedures Regulations for Individual licences published on 30 March 2016 in the Government Gazette no 39871 process and procedures regulations.	
	Section 13(1) of the ECA states that: "An Individual licence may not be let, sublet, assigned, ceeded or in any way transferred, and the control of an individual licence may not be assigned, ceded or in any way transferred to any other person without prior written permission of the Authority"	
	The applicant has not transferred the individual licences yet and awaits the approval of the Authority to do so.	
	Recommendation to Council.	
	It is recommended that Council approves the transfer applications for the I-ECS and I-ECNS licences from the applicant to the transferee and the reasons document for publication in the Government Gazette	
	It was resolved that the application for the transfer of Individual Electronic Communications Service(I-ECS) and Individual Electronic Communications Network Service(I-ECNS) Licences from China Times to K2015351513 South Africa(Pty) Ltd t/a One Telecom be approved and the reasons document be published on the Government Gazette.	
9.	Application for the Transfer of Individual Electronic Communications Service (I-ECS) and Individual Electronic Communications Network Service (I-ECNS) Licences from UCOMS Satellite (Pty) Ltd to WiFi Wave (Pty) Ltd.	CEO
	The GM: Licencing presented this item:	
	The purpose of this memorandum was to recommend that Council to approve the transfer of I-ECS and I-ECNS licences from UCOMS Satellite (Pty) Ltd ("the Applicant") to WiFi Wave (Pty) Ltd ("the transferee") and the reasons document for publication in the Government Gazette.	



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The following was noted:	
On the 07 th April 2017, the Independent Communications Authorit South Africa ('the Authority") received applications from the applic to transfer its I-ECS and I-ECNS licences to the transferee.	•
The applications were submitted using G Form of the processes Procedures Regulations for Individual licences published on the March 2017 in the Government Gazette no 39871(Processes Procedure Regulations.	30
The Finance division confirmed that the applicant did not generevenue in terms of the licence, after licence division ascertain whether the applicant was financially compliant with regards to payment of the Annual licence fees and Universal Service and According (USAF) contributions and whether the CCC did not issues rate against the applicant bought before it.	ined o its cess
There were no issues raised but licensing division requested clarity the details regarding the breakdown of the 30%Historic Disadvantaged Individuals ('HDI") copies of the Identity documents of the HDI were submitted.	cally
The reasons document on the transfer application will be submitted Council at a later stage as Legal, Risk and CCC was currently verthe reasons document for the Authority's decision.	
Recommendation	
It is recommended that Council approves the licence transfer for ECS and I-ECNS licence to transfer from UCOMS Satellite (Pty WiFi Wave (Pty) Ltd be approved	
The applicant complies with the requirements of the regulations	
It was resolved that the application for the transfer of the lice for I-ECS and I-ECNS licence from UCOMS Satellite (Pty) to V Wave (Pty) Ltd be approved	



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Spectrum in 900 MHz and 2.1 GHz Frequency Bands

The purpose of this memorandum was to request Council to approve the application submitted by Vodacom South Africa for a Trial Radio Frequency Spectrum licence in the 900 MHz and the 2.1GHz frequency bands.

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa("the Authority") received an application from Vodacom South Africa ("the Applicant") on the 03rd November 2017 Finance confirmed that Vodacom is financially compliant on 21 November 2017.

The applicant is the holder or Individual Electronic Communication Service (I-ECS) and Individual Electronic Communications Network Services (I-ECNS) Licences.

It also holds several radio frequency spectrum licences to provide access as well as backhaul links from its own network.

This application was bought in terms of section 31(2) of the Electronic Communications Act, 2005(Act no: 36 of 2005) and Regulation 40 of the Radio Frequency Spectrum Regulations 2015 as, amended.

The applicant needs to do measurements, conduct calibration and optimisation of network radio frequency propagation tools on its mobile network.

The applicant requires 200KWz bandwidth within the guard band on the 900 MHz band to do measurements. The guard band is unused and available from term purpose of conducting trials.

It was resolved that the recommendation on an application by Vodacom South Africa (Pty) Ltd for a Trial Radio Frequency Spectrum in 900 MHz and 2.1 GHz Frequency Bands be approved.

Reasons for approval.

The Radio Frequency ranges do not overlap with any other services, and as such no negative impact is foreseen.

To mitigate the potential negative effect on the adjacent MTN allocation by the utilisation of the 400KHz guard band within the 900



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	MHz trial radio frequency spectrum licence;	
	Vodacom South Africa must inform and co-ordinate all testing with the incumbent operator on the adjacent block allocation.	
11.	Vodacom (Pty) Ltd:Application for a Radio Frequency Spectrum in 900 MHz IMT Band	CEO
	The purpose of this memorandum was to request Council to reject the application submitted by Vodacom South Africa for a Radio Frequency Spectrum licence in the 3500 MHz IMT band.	
	This application was bought in terms of section 31(2) of the Electronic Communications Act, 2005(Act no: 36 of 2005).	
	The finance division has confirmed that the applicant is financially compliant and there were no outstanding monies due to the Authority.	
	On 30 March 2015, the Radio Frequency Assignment Plan (RFAP) for the 3500 MHz IMT band was published in the Government Gazette 38640 dated 30 March 2015.	
	The Plan as amended will be implemented on 1 April 2017 and no assignment can be made in this band until this date.	
	The RFAP states the requirements for the utilisation of the frequency for the utilisation of the frequency band 3500 MHz for IMT 3500 in SA.	
	In accordance with the RFAP, new assignments will only be done through an Invitation to Apply (ITA) in line with regulations still to be developed in terms of section 31(3) of the Act.	
	The application was considered by OPCO on 18 January 2018.	
	Recommendation to Council	
	The regulatory requirements have not been fulfilled .lt is recommended that Council rejects the application submitted by Vodacom South Africa for a Radio Frequency Spectrum licence in the 3500 MHz IMT band for the following reasons:	
	The Radio Frequency Spectrum is not yet available for assignment.	



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	No Assignments can be made in this band until 01 April 2018 as per Radio Frequency Spectrum Assignment Plan of 2015 and This Spectrum is earmarked for IMT Services and as such can only be licensed through an Invitation to Apply (ITA) Therefore an Invitation to apply will be published for the assignments in this band in line with regulations still for the assignments in this band in line with regulations still to be developed in terms of section 31(3) of the ECA. It was resolved that the recommendation for rejection of an application for Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence in the 3500 MHz IMT Band be approved.	
12.	Notice on Television White Space Regulations	CEO
	The purpose of this submission was to Request Council to approve: (i) The notice regarding the final regulations on the use of Television White Spaces (TVWS) for publication in the Government Gazette. (ii) The publication of the notice regarding the final regulations on the use of Television White Spaces in the Government Gazette and the ICASA Website	
	The SM:Radio Frequency presented this item:	
	The following was noted:	
	On 23 March 2017, the Council of the Authority approved the position paper on the Framework of Dynamic and Opportunistic Spectrum Management 2017 for publication in the Government Gazette and on the ICASA website.	
	On 23 March 2017, Council approved the consultation approved the consultation document regarding the Draft Regulations for use of the Television White Spaces for publication in the Government Gazette and on the ICASA website.	
	On 30 March 2017, the Authority advised the Hon Minister of Communications (DoC) of the notice on consultation document regarding the Draft Regulations for use of the Television White Spaces for publication in the Government Gazette in terms of section 4(5) of the Electronic Communications Act of 2000.	



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	The Authority received (14) written public submissions on the Draft Television White Space Regulations 2017	
	Legal division to clarify the definition of terms "urban' and "rural "on the Draft regulations	
	It was resolved that the Notice regarding the final regulations on the use of Television White Spaces for publication in the Government Gazette and ICASA website be approved	
13.	2017/2018 Q1:Gauteng Province Quality of Service Report for Mobile Data	CEO
	The Manager: Quality of Service presented the item	
	The purpose of this memorandum was for Council to note the Quality of Service Monitoring Report for mobile data services conducted in Gauteng Province during Q1 of 2017/18. The report is the first initiative in gearing ICASA on a process for developing a standardised methodology and associated regulations for doing data oriented QoS monitoring in the future.	
	It was resolved that the 2017/18 Q1 Gauteng Province Quality of Service Report for mobile data be deferred to the next meeting of Council.	
14.	Submission of Thirteen Reports (13) for Broadcasting Annual Compliance Reports for Sound and Television Service Licences.	CEO
	The GM: Compliance and Consumer Affairs presented this item:	
	The purpose of this memorandum was to request Council to note and approve the thirteen(13) Broadcasting Annual Compliance Reports(ACRs) for the period under review as part of the fifty(50) ACRs required to be compiled in terms of the 2017/2018 Financial Year(FY) Annual Performance Plan.	
	It was resolved that the submission of thirteen (13) Reports for Broadcasting Annual Compliance Reports for Sound and	



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	Television Service Licences be approved.	
15.	Remuneration of ICASA Committees(Audit,Risk,Ethics and Disclosure Committee(AREDC), Information Technology Review Committee(ITRC),Remuneration Committee(REMCO) and Consumer Advisory Panel(CAP)	
	It was resolved that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of Council	
16.	Response letter to E-tv Regarding the 2016 ICASA Local Television Content Regulations	CEO
	The purpose of this memorandum was to request Council to approve the attached draft letter to the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB).	
	This letter provides a response to the letter received from e-tv identifying challenges with regards to the implementation of Regulation 7 of the 2016 ICASA Local Television Content Regulations ("Regulations"). Upon approval the letter will be sent to the E-tv.	3
	It was resolved that the letter to e-tv regarding the 2016 ICASA Local Television Content Regulations be approved and be sent to e-tv	
17.	Response letter to the National Association of Broadcasters	Council
	The purpose of this memorandum was to request Council to approve the attached letter to the National Association of Broadcasters ("NABS). The letter is a response to the letter received from the NAB requesting a meeting with Council on Local Television Regulations (GG 399844). Upon approval, the letter will be sent to the NAB.	
	The Independent Communication Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") received a letter from NAB titled, Re: Request for a meeting with Council on Local Content Regulations (GG 39844) dated 02 November 2017.	
	The Authority acknowledges this letter from NAB requesting a meeting	



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	with Council regarding the identified common areas of concerns relating to the sections dealing with independent production.			
	Presentation by NAB focused on the following			
	The NAB made representation on the contents of the Local Content Regulations especially Regulation 09 Concerns were raised on cost for quotas Council acknowledge the presentation and resolved as such:			
	It was resolved the NAB should made a comprehensive submission on the Local Content Regulations to Council on how the proposed regulations will affects its members taking into account different business models of its members.			
18.	To request to note and approve the Brazil Study visit Report and Final Research Report on unreserved postal services with observations from Brazil Study and a way forward.	Clir		
	The purpose of this memorandum was to submit: 1.1.1. Brazil study visit report for the unreserved postal services Council Committee which took place from the 22-26 January 2018; and 1.1.2. Final Research Report as quarter four (4) deliverables as per Annual Performance Plan.			
	Background.			
	On August 2017, Council approved a study visit to Malaysia and Kenya and informed that should an additional country be considered, it must be one of the Brics Countries.			
	The Committee for unreserved Postal services therefore included Brazil country visit as part of the additional information collection process.			
£5	It was resolved that the Brazil Study visit Report be noted and the Research Report as a quarter four deliverable as per the 2017 /18 APP be approved			
18.	Finance Quarterly ReportQuarter 3 of 2017-2018	CFO		



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	It was resolved that this item be deferred to the next meeting Committees	
20.	Strategic Risk Register	CEO
	It was resolved that this item be deferred to the next meeting of Council	
21	Whistle Blowing Policy	CEO
	I was resolved that this item be deferred to the next meeting of Council	CEO
22.	Combined Assurance Forum.	CAE
	It was resolved that this item be deferred to the next meeting of Council.	
23.	Risk and Compliance Management Quarterly Progress Report	CEO
	It was resolved that this item be deferred to the next meeting of Council	
24.	2017/18 HR Operational Report	CEO
	It was resolved that the Report should be submitted to Council on a quarterly basis.	
25.	Legal Opinion and Council Quorum	Council
	It was resolve that this item be deferred.	
26.	Response letter of the Chairperson to the DTPS/Settlement Negotiations	Council
	It was resolved that a response letter of Chairperson to the DTPS/Settlement Negotiations be approved.	
27.	General	Council



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28.		CFO
	Request to Condone Unathorised,Irregular,Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure identified during the 2016-2017 Financial Year	
	The purpose of this memorandum was to request \council to approve expenditure identified for condonation and provide an update on the Audit Action Plan to address the issues raised by the Auditor General of South Africa (AGSA) on the Audited Financial Statements (AFS) for the year ended 31 March 2017.	
	This item was submitted to the meeting of Council on the 13 th February 2018.	
	Council requested further clarification and inputs from the Audit, Risk ,Ethics and Disclosure Committee(AREDC)	
	Council resolved to request the Chairperson of AREDC to come to a meeting of Council to clarify and make inputs on the request for condonation	
	 The Chairperson of AREDC made following inputs to Council. The item was submitted for noting at AREDC. The Committee has no condonation powers. Only the executive Authority has such powers 	
	 There must be an investigation before Council can condone the contraventions. 	
	 Interventions and steps to be undertaken to prevent recurrence of contraventions must be clearly stated. 	
	 An external party or the Internal Audit should investigated items and amounts to be condoned. 	
	The CEO made the following observations: There was a lack of technical knowledge and understanding of the supply chain management process among some of the staff members in Supply Chain division.	
	 There was lack of commitment or indifference to assisting the organisation with supply chain processes among some staff members. There was lack of robust ,vigorous and knowledgeable engagement with the AGSA 	



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	It was resolved that the Internal Audit division should undertake an investigation on items flagged by the AGSA and that were requested by the finance division to be condoned by Council. The report on the outcome of the investigation should be submitted to Council before the of the 31st March 2018	
29.	Closure The Chairperson thanked all present at the meeting and adjourned the meeting at 16h37.	Secretariat
30.	Date of next meeting: 27 February 2018	

Signed:	Date:	19/W/201X
Signed: (Chairperson)	Date.	. 110 11 0 10