
GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 970 OF 2007



Independent Communications Authority of South Africa
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**APPLICATION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF BROADCASTING LICENCE
CONDITIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE
COVERAGE AREA FOR SABC IN RESPECT OF LOTUS FM, LESEDI FM
AND UMHLOBO WENENE**

LOTUS FM

1. The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") hereby gives notice, in terms of the provisions of section 10(2) of the Electronic Communications Act, No. 36 of 2005, that it has received applications from SABC ("the applicant") for the amendment to the broadcasting licences of Lotus FM, Lesedi FM and Umhlobo Wenene in terms of section 10(1) (c) of the Act.
2. The amendment is sought to enable the applicant to increase access to its services as follows:
 - 2.1 Lotus FM's coverage increase at East London, Empangeni, Newcastle, and Nelspruit to target the Indian community. The proposed expansion will increase the coverage of Lotus FM by 1.4%, increasing the total coverage of the station to 87%.
 - 2.2 Lesedi FM's coverage increase at Mafikeng in the North West Province where a large group of Sesotho speaking people reside outside the existing coverage area of Lesedi FM. The proposed expansion will increase coverage of Lesedi FM by 0.3%, increasing the total coverage of the station to 77.8% of home language Sesotho speakers.
 - 2.3 Umhlobo Wene FM's coverage increase at Mafikeng in the North West Province where a large group of isiXhosa speaking reside outside the existing coverage area of Umhlobo Wenene FM. The proposed expansion will increase the coverage of Umhlobo Wenene FM 0.25, increasing the total coverage of the station to 83.61 %, of home language isiXhosa speakers.
3. The effective date of the amendment would be the date on which the Authority's decision on the application would be published.
4. The applications, relevant schedules and any representations received pursuant thereto would be made available and open for inspection by interested parties in the Authority's library during the Authority's normal office hours.