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Attention: Mr Mathibela Selepe

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Dear Sir

SUBMISSION IN RESPECT OF GENERAL NOTICE 1716: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REVISE THE DRAFT LICENSE EXEMPTION REGULATIONS PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED AS GENERAL NOTICE 1114

The Wireless Access Providers' Association (WAPA) applauds the initiative of the Authority in revising the draft license exemption regulations previously released for comment in September 2007. WAPA participated in the ICASA workshop on the previous draft and is heartened by evidence that the Authority has acted upon certain of the suggestions and submissions made at this workshop.

While WAPA is generally supportive of the revised draft we do wish to highlight the following:

1. WAPA notes that all regulations pertaining to unlicensed frequency usage have been omitted from the revised draft and has been informed that such regulations will in future form part of a separate set of regulations falling under ICASA's Engineering and Technology Division. WAPA supports this initiative.

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- a. WAPA wishes, however, to enquire from the Authority as to when a new set of draft radio frequency spectrum license exemptions regulations to be expected.
2. WAPA supports the definition of “small electronic communications network” as set out in the revised draft and notes that such definition creates the basis for enhanced usage of unlicensed spectrum by holders of valid electronic communications network service licensees.
3. WAPA supports the license exemption created in the revised draft regulation 4(1).
4. WAPA supports the license exemption created in the revised draft regulation 4(2).

WAPA hereby requests that the Authority allow it the opportunity to make oral representations in the event that hearings are held in connection with the revised draft regulation.

Should the Authority require any further information it is invited to contact:

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