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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

NO. 311

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**DRAFT AMENDMENT: RAIN NETWORKS (PTY) LTD UNIVERSAL
SERVICE AND ACCESS LICENCE OBLIGATIONS ("USAOs")**

1. The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("Authority") hereby gives a notice that it has received a request from Rain Networks (Pty) Ltd ("Rain Networks") to amend its Universal Service and Access Obligations ("USAOs") in terms of section 10 (1)(f) and (g) of the Electronic Communications Act 36 of 2005, as amended.
2. On 17 July 2009, the Authority granted and issued Rain Networks a Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence for use of the 1800MHz¹ frequency. As a condition to using the 1800MHz frequency Rain Networks was given a USAO to provide internet access to no less than one thousand (1000) rural and urban public schools.
3. The proposed amendment to Rain Networks' USAO will entail the provision of connectivity to sixty-three (63) Community Education and Training ("CET") college sites, consisting of nine (9) CET college head offices and fifty-four (54) Community Learning Centres ("CLCs") allocated to it by the Authority. The proposed USAOs are marked as **Annexure A**.
4. Interested parties wishing to submit written representations with respect to this application for the amendment of Rain Networks' Licence are hereby invited to

¹ Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence No. 00-494-616-4, Granted and Issued to Rain Networks (Pty) Ltd for the use of 1800MHz Mobile Service Frequency Spectrum, 17 July 2009.

do so within **fourteen (14) working days** of publication of this notice in the Government Gazette by post, hand delivery, or electronically for attention:

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5. The full notice in relation to draft amendment of USAOs for Rain Networks (Pty) Ltd is available on the Authority's website: www.icasa.org.za.
6. Rain Networks shall be entitled to respond in writing to written representations made by interested parties on this application, and such written response must be lodged with the Authority **within twenty-eight (28) working days** of the date of publication of this notice in the Government Gazette. Rain Networks must, at the time of lodging such written response, furnish proof to the Authority's satisfaction that it has delivered a copy of such response by hand, or by registered mail or email to the relevant person who made such written representation.



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