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### DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

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#### **NOTICE OF THE REVISED EXEMPTED RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM FOR THE KAROO CENTRAL ASTRONOMY ADVANTAGE AREA**

I, Dr. Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation published the exempted frequency spectrum as outlined in the Regulations for the Protection of the Karoo Central Astronomy Advantage Areas (herein after referred to as the "KCAAA Regulations") in Government Gazette No. 42531, under Notice No. 926 on 14 June 2019.

In accordance with Regulation 3(4) of Schedule B of the KCAAA Regulations and having received concurrence from the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA), I hereby publish the revised radio frequency spectrum exempted for use within the KCAAA as set out in the attached schedule. As a result of the aforementioned I extended the period for compliance with the Regulations on the Protection of the Karoo Central Astronomy Advantage Areas, made under the Astronomy Geographic Advantage Act, 2007, to 15 December 2021 (Notice No. 1293, published in Government Gazette No. 43967, on 4 December 2020)

Interested and affected parties are invited to submit written representations on or objections to the intended revised exempted radio frequency spectrum for the Karoo Central Astronomy Advantage Area within 60 (sixty) days of publication of the said notice

In terms of Regulation 3(2) of Schedule A of the KCAAA Regulations (extended to 15 December 2021), the use of the radio frequency spectrum from 100MHz to 25 500 MHz (25.5 GHz) within the KCAAA will be prohibited. Only the radio frequency spectrum exempted from the prohibition as stated in the attached schedule may subsequently be used if a permit has been issued in terms of Regulation 4 of Schedule B of the KCAAA Regulations.

All licensees and licence exempt operators who conduct radio transmissions within the KCAAA, except for those who are exempted in terms of Regulation 5 of Schedule A of the KCAAA Regulations, are required to apply for a permit from the Astronomy Management Authority (AMA), a unit of the Department of Science and Innovation, in order to be able to continue to operate within the KCAAA.

The application forms for permits were published in Government Gazette No. 42085, under Notice No. 1337, on 05 December 2018. The application forms are available at the Department of Science and Innovation offices and online at <https://ama.dst.gov.za>.

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