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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **ICASA issues an Invitation To Apply for INFRACO**

**JOHANNESBURG** – The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) has issued an Invitation To Apply for Broadband Infraco (Pty) Ltd. The ITA follows the issuing of a policy directive by the Communications Minister, in terms of section 3(2) and 3(1A) of the Electronic Communications Act (Act No.36 of 2005), on 06 February 2009 directing ICASA to conduct the necessary processes to accept and consider applications for the Electronic Communications Network Service (ECNS) and Electronic Communication Service by Broadband Infraco (Pty) Ltd to amongst others, enable the state to expand the availability and affordability of access to electronic communications networks and services.

The application will have to be submitted by 20 April 2009 after which the Authority may decide to hold public hearings. In the event that the Authority decides to hold the hearings, such hearings will be held on 20 May 2009.

The Authority will publish the application in the government gazette inviting interested parties to make written submissions.

The full copy of the ITA can be accessed from ICASA website (or the following link: <http://www.icasa.org.za/Licensing/ELECTRONICCOMMUNICATIONSNETWORKSERVICEINDI/tabid/179/ctl/ItemDetails/mid/670/ItemID/313/Default.aspx>) or by using government gazette No 32026.

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