

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS of South and Southern Africa

29 July 1993

The Technical Committee on the Independent Media Commission and Independent Telecommunications Authority World Trade Centre KEMPTON PARK

Dear Sirs

THE INDEPENDENT BROADCASTING AUTHORITY BILL AND THE INDEPENDENT MEDIA COMMISSION BILL

On 12 July 1993, the NAB filed with the Technical Committee its submission on the Fourth Working Draft of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill.

On 28 July 1993, the NAB filed with the Technical Committee its submission on the Eighth Draft of the Independent Media Commission Bill. This is the draft of the Bill that the NAB has been advised is the most recent draft.

The NAB wishes to be kept informed as to developments with respect to the above two Bills. The NAB represents the broadcasting industry in South and Southern Africa, and its members are, therefore, the parties most directly affected by the matters provided for in the two Bills.

The NAB is concerned that, to date, it has not been kept informed, by the Technical Committee or any other party, as to developments with regard to the two Bills. This is so notwithstanding that the substantial interests of the NAB in this matter are well known, and despite requests from the NAB that it be kept informed of developments. For example, the NAB obtained a copy of the Independent Media Commission Bill for the first time only on 20 July 1993.

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The NAB was, therefore, placed under considerable pressure to comment fully on the Bill by the deadline given to it, namely 28 July 1993. The NAB, in fact, wrote, some time ago, to the Technical Committee requesting a copy of the Bill and an opportunity to comment thereon. The NAB understands that the Bill has been, in one draft form or another, available for already approximately five months.

Accordingly, the NAB requests that it be kept advised of all developments with regard to the further drafting and consideration of both the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill and the Independent Media Commission Bill. I may be contacted at (011) 884-8400 (telephone), or (011) 883-0871 (telefax).

Furthermore, the NAB requests an opportunity to comment on any such further developments. As the NAB has stated before, the NAB is willing to be of further assistance with regard to the consideration of the two Bills concerned, and would welcome the opportunity to do so.

Yours sincerely

CHAIRMAN

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