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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS****NO. 87****01 FEBRUARY 2016****DECLARATION OF THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD AND START OF THE DUAL ILLUMINATION PERIOD**

I, Azwihangwisi Faith Muthambi, Minister of Communications, MP, hereby declare the commencement of the dual illumination period in terms of regulation 3(1) of the Digital Migration Regulations, 2012 published by the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) under **GN 1070 in Government Gazette 36000 of 14 December 2012**.

**KINDLY TAKE NOTICE THAT** the commencement of the dual illumination period for the digital broadcasting signal in South Africa starts on **1 February 2016**. However, the analogue switch-off date will be announced after consultation with Cabinet.

**TAKE NOTICE FURTHER THAT** 84% of the South African population is covered satisfactorily by the digital terrestrial signal and the remaining 16% is serviced via the digital satellite signal.

**AND ALSO NOTE THAT** the national rollout of government subsidised Set Top Boxes (STBs) has commenced and the digital broadcast channels have been made available by the broadcasters.



**MS AF MUTHAMBI, MP  
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**DATE:** 2016.01.28