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**MEDIA STATEMENT  
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SAECA acknowledges that there is public concern regarding exposure to radiofrequency (RF) emissions from mobile phones and base stations.

The International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) developed scientifically based safety guidelines for public and occupational exposure to RF emissions, which are recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and European Commission. The ICNIRP guidelines have been adopted by the South African Department of Health and in many other countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East and Latin America. The WHO concluded in October 2014 that: "A large number of studies have been performed over the last two decades to assess whether mobile phones pose a potential health risk. To date, no adverse health effects have been established as being caused by mobile phone use". In general, mobile phones and base stations are designed and configured to operate well within the abovementioned ICNIRP levels.

The ICNIRP, WHO and government agencies are continuously monitoring the outcomes of latest scientific studies to determine whether changes in safety limits are required. As responsible corporate citizens, SAECA and its members take the safety of the public and the environment in which they operate very seriously and will continue to function in accordance with internationally accepted safety practices and relevant national regulations.

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**ABOUT SAECA:**

"The South African Electronic Communications Association (SAECA) is a voluntary and independent non-profit association representing voluntary members from the mobile cellular [electronic communications] industry within South Africa on electromagnetic radiation health and safety related matters."

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