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Hit format lands in South Africa

November 5, 2020 - ITV Studios' power format Love Island continues its global expansion and reaches its 20th territory. The reality dating sensation will be produced by Rapid Blue in South Africa, making this the 6th new commission for the format in 2020 alone. The first season of Love Island South Africa will be recorded in the country's Western Cape and will launch in late February on M-Net 101 on DStv.

Nkateko Mabaso, M-Net CEO says, "We at M-Net are ecstatic about partnering with ITV Studios and joining this global brand as we become the 20th version of Love Island. This a continuation of M-Net's strategy to provide premium quality shows in line with global trends."

Maarten Meijs, President Global Entertainment, ITV Studios adds, "The multichannel phenomenon is having a fantastic year, traveling the world at a rapid pace. This is the second version on African continent, following the Nigerian acquisition earlier this year and we can't wait to see how this local adaptation will find its way to the South African viewers."

Love Island features a group of single "Islanders" who come together in a stunning setting, ready to embark on a summer of love, friendships and, ultimately, relationships. Every few days, the Islanders must couple up – those who fail to find a partner to couple up with risk being dumped from the island. Islanders are on the lookout for romance, but the road to love doesn't always run smoothly. Challenges abound with new Islander arrivals and dramatic twists as friendships and relationships form. In addition to choosing their partners wisely, Islanders must also win the hearts of viewers who have the opportunity to shape events on screen and ultimately crown one lucky couple the winner, who will then have the chance to walk away with both love and the cash prize.

Love Island is owned by ITV Studios and Motion Content Group Ltd and is distributed internationally by ITV Studios.

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