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SUBJECT: THE CHIEF OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE THANKS THE CHAIRMEN OF THE TWO SOWETO SOCCER GIANTS: ORLANDO PIRATES AND KAIZER CHIEFS

The Chief of the South African National Defence Force (CSANDF), General Solly Shoke would like to convey his sincere gratitude to the chairmen of the two big soccer teams in South Africa for their contribution to support the initiative of establishing the South African National Defence Force Education Trust. The SANDF mooted the idea of an education trust following the recent tragic incidents experienced by the SANDF where members of the SANDF lost their lives in the line of duty in Central African Republic (CAR) and in a fatal helicopter crash in the Kruger National Park earlier this year.

The object of the South African National Defence Force Education Trust is to provide bursaries and scholarship for study purposes to the dependants of the following persons:

- SANDF members killed or severely injured subsequent to 27 April 1994 whilst on official duties;
- Civilian members of the Department of Defence killed or severely injured subsequent to 27 April 1994 whilst deployed in operations with the SANDF;
- Citizens of the Republic of South Africa killed or injured subsequent to 27 April 1994 during the course of an operation of the SANDF, provided that such citizens were not engaged in an activity in opposition to the aims of the SANDF operation.

The dependants should be attending or are to attend primary, secondary or tertiary educational institutions.

When the two chairmen of the Premier Soccer League Clubs, Dr (Col) Irvin Khoza (Orlando Pirates) and Mr Kaizer Motaung (Kaizer Chiefs) heard of the initiative, they did not hesitate to contribute to this noble cause. On Monday 29 July 2013 the Chief of the South African National Defence Force received a pledge for Two Million Rands as a contribution from Dr (Col) Irvin Khoza and Mr Kaizer Motaung, which became the first donation received by the SANDF towards the establishment of the SANDF Education Trust.

The Chief of the South African National Defence Force, on behalf of the entire membership of the SANDF, wants to thank the chairmen of both teams and their supporters for their support of this noble cause.

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