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Defence
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MEDIA ALERT

DATE: Wednesday, 17 July 2013

EMBARGO: None

SUBJECT: SANDF CELEBRATES MANDELA DAY

The Department of Defence (DOD) adopted the month of July as the month in which it will pay tribute to our first democratically elected Commander-in-Chief, former President Nelson Mandela, with a month-long charity and or humanitarian projects as part of the international Mandela Day which was adopted by the United Nations.

On Thursday, 18 July 2013, the SANDF led by Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, will descend in the shores of East London, Eastern Cape, where the DOD will lead various charity projects in honour of Madiba. The SANDF charity events will take place throughout the country as follows:

SA Army

Chief Army Force Structure will conduct charity work at MaLerato Centre of Hope (Pretoria). The members will provide necessary support to forty (40) orphans by planting trees, painting, washing, donating food and amongst other things.

SA Air Force

Chief of the South African Air Force, Lieutenant General Zimpande Msimang and members of the Air Force Command Council (AFCC) will visit the Tswaraganang Community Development Centre in Hammanskraal. The AFCC will spend the day with the orphans and assist around the centre with various chores that will be undertaken by members of the South African Air Force (SAAF).

SA Navy

Chief of SA Navy, Vice Admiral Refilwe Mudimu and Command Council will be at the Northridge Primary School (Pretoria), where they will donate musical instrument and will also conduct renovations at the school. Sailors will then host the school children for lunch and sports.

SA Military Health Service (SAMHS)

SAMHS will provide Primary Health Care to the community of Mdantsane in Eastern Cape where Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, will host the community outreach programme. The activities will include eye tests, basic medical screening, inoculations and a dental check-up.

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