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Attention : News Editors, Journalists

Date : 12 December 2013

President Zuma to unveil a 9 metre bronze statue of the late former President Nelson Mandela

President Jacob Zuma will unveil a 9 metre bronze statue of the late, former President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela as part of the Day of Reconciliation Celebrations which is hosted annually on 16 December at the Union Buildings, Pretoria. The day also marks the commemoration of the centenary of the Union Buildings, one of the most iconic structures in South Africa.

The unveiling of the statue on 16 December 2013 is intended as acknowledgement of the contribution of the first President of a democratic South Africa, a symbol of national reconciliation and unity. Hopefully it will become a site of pilgrimage for domestic and international visitors.

The installation of Tata Madiba's statue at the Union Buildings is part of the Department of Arts and Culture's ongoing work to develop new symbols and monuments that reflect our collective aspirations as South Africans and the new values we stand for.

Let us work together in honour of Tata Madiba to promote *NATION BUILDING, SOCIAL COHESION AND RECONCILIATION*.

Members of the media are invited. The event will be held as follows:

Date : 16 December 2013

Venue : Union Buildings, Pretoria

Time : 10:30 am

Editors Notes: Journalists must forward their details (Name & ID) for accreditation to Josias Pila on JosiasP@dac.gov.za 012 441 3713 / 078 733 9709 or Madimetja Moleba on MadimetjaM@dac.gov.za 072 842 6594 / 012 441 3737. Accreditation cards can be collected as follows:

Day 1 : 13 December 2013

Venue : Department of Arts and Culture (Ground Floor), Kingsley Centre,
481 Stanza Bopape St, Arcadia, Pretoria

Time : 14:00-16:30

Day 2 : 14 December 2013

Venue : Department of Arts and Culture (Ground Floor), Kingsley Centre, 481 Stanza
Bopape St, Arcadia

Time : 10:00 – 14:00

Day 3 : 15 December 2013

Venue : Department of Arts and Culture (Ground Floor), Kingsley Centre, 481 Stanza
Bopape St, Arcadia

Time : 08:00-17:00

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