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Subject: **SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE PRESENTS
CHIEF OF LOGISTICS' CHANGE OF COMMAND PARADE**

On 19 March 2014, the South African National Defence Force will hold a Change of Command Parade of the Chief of Logistic at Air Force Base Swartkop in Pretoria at 10:00.

Lieutenant General Thulile Nkonyane will hand over command of the Logistics Division to Major General Bongani Mbatha who is to be promoted to the substantive rank of Lieutenant General. General Nkonyane prides himself for having contributed in bringing stability, integrity and focus as well as improved morale to the Logistics Division.

General Mbatha was born in Johannesburg in 1957 and went to school at Alexander High School where he got involved in students political activities. Subsequently he left the country in 1979 to join the African National Congress' military wing Umkhonto weSizwe in Angola.

On his return to South Africa, General Mbatha integrated into the SANDF in 1994. He has served the Logistics Division and SA Army on various capacities which include that of Officer Commanding of Special Forces Supply Unit; Director Supply Support and Services Management; Director Army Logistics and Chief Director Army Force Structure.

You are kindly invited to send a journalist and/or a photographer to cover the event. Journalists/Reporters who are assigned for the event are requested to RSVP as indicated below and to report at Air Force Base Swartkop at 09:30.

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