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SUBJECT: **CHIEF OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE,
GENERAL SOLLY SHOKE TO BESTOW MEDALS TO SOLDIERS AND
SAILORS WHO HAVE SERVED 30 YEARS AT FORCE BASE
DURBAN: 30 OCTOBER 2014**

On Thursday 30 October 2014, distinguished loyal servants who are swelling the ranks of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) will receive their medals in various categories on the occasion of a Medal Parade, during which Chief of the SANDF; General Solly Shoke confers medals to such members who continue to serve the SANDF with zeal and immeasurable commitment. All the proceedings are scheduled to take place at Air Force Base Durban.

Thirty-year medals of service will be amongst other medals bestowed during the occasion. While medal recipients appreciate that donning the ranks of SANDF has a parallel responsibility of being adherent of Code of Conduct and other military prescripts which they are entrusted with, being awarded with medals will serve as a reminder that discipline in the SANDF is non-negotiable. Discipline is but a cornerstone of the SANDF, members unashamedly understand that being a soldier is an embodiment of discipline, commitment and willingness to serve the country.

Most of the recipients cut teeth in the SANDF and have displayed enviable quintessential and astute leadership qualities in ensuring that the people of South Africa are and feel safe.

Members of the media are cordially invited to send a cameraperson or a journalist to cover a parade of this magnitude. Assigned journalists are requested to confirm their attendance as depicted below.

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