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**SUBJECT: THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE ANNOUNCES
THE PASSING ON OF MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM NKONYENI**

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) regrets to announce the passing on of Major General (Ret) William Nkonyeni. Maj Gen (Ret) Nkonyeni was born on 15 August 1953 in Sophiatown and passed on at Lesedi Hospital in Soweto on 22 March 2014 after a short illness. Maj Gen (Ret) Nkonyeni retired from the SANDF at the age of 60 in August 2013 after serving the SANDF in various capacities since its inception in April 1994.

His last position was that of General Officer Commanding Joint Operational Headquarters which is tasked with the responsibility to direct, monitor and evaluate SANDF operations inside and outside the borders of the RSA. Memorial service and funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

The Chief of the South African National Defence Force (C SANDF) General Solly Shoke conveys his heartfelt condolences to the members of the family of Maj Gen (Ret) Nkonyeni, relatives and friends.

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