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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **MEDIA ALERT**

**DATE:** 02 December 2014

**EMBARGO:** Immediate

**SUBJECT: THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE CONFERS  
MEDALS OF VARIOUS CATEGORIES**

Members of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF), who were assigned to accord the former first democratically elected Commander-In-Chief of the SANDF, President Nelson Mandela, a funeral befitting of his stature, will be bestowed with medals of various categories such as Bronze, Silver and Gold; on the occasion of a Medal Parade during which President Jacob Zuma will be the main functionary. The proceedings will take place on 07 December 2014 at 08h00, Air Force Base Waterkloof.

Against this backdrop, SANDF members took part in ensuring that a dignified burial of this leader of note who exhibited steadfast and enviable profound leadership is realized. President Mandela superseded the human limitations during his presidency when he integrated statutory and non-statutory forces into one component dubbed the SANDF. The rainbow nation found expression under this self-effaced and decorated leader.

The SANDF is mandated with the responsibility of ensuring that the people of South Africa are and feel safe and are also deployed on the African continent to raise the South African flag high, in order to realize a better Africa and a better world as a result of South Africa's contribution to global relations.

Members of the media are kindly requested to diarise this event. The SANDF will communicate more developments on this, closer to the event.

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