



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **SOUTH AFRICA'S MILITARY OMBUD TO HOST SYMPOSIUM ON FAIRNESS, TRUST AND INDEPENDENCE**

The Office of the Military Ombud will, on Wednesday 14 May, 2014 host a Symposium under theme: "***Fairness, Independence & Trust – Building High Trust Teams,***" which coincides with its 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary as the guardian for members of the South African National Defence Force.

The event will take place at the Ombud's Eco Fusion Office Park in Centurion, Gauteng and will be attended by, amongst others, Deputy Minister of Defence and Military Veterans Mr Thabang Makwetla, Ekurhuleni Executive Mayor, Cllr Mondli Gungubele, Chief of the SANDF, General Solly Shoke, Public Protector Advocate Thuli Madonsela and Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions, Dr Silas Ramaite, SC.

Two years ago Lieutenant General (ret) Themba Matanzima was inaugurated as South Africa's first ever Military Ombud, in a move to complement the combination of military discipline and recourse avenues for grievances from soldiers in a manner that is consistent with a democratic dispensation.

Members of the media are invited to attend the occasion.

Date: 14 May 2014

Venue: Block B, Eco Fusion Office Suite, Witch –Hazel Avenue, Eco Park, Centurion.

Time: 08h30

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