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THE HANDING OVER CEREMONY OF THE NEWLY ACQUIRED HIGH ALTITUDE PARACHUTE SYSTEM

Project PORTHOLE is delivering a High Altitude Parachute System (HAPS) to the SA Army and the South African Special Forces. The final training and acceptance of the system has already begun on 15 August and will complete on 02 September 2016 at 44 Parachute Regiment in Bloemfontein.

The General Officer Commanding (GOC) South African Special Forces (as custodian of Project PORTHOLE), will ceremonially hand-over the system to the GOC SA Infantry Formation, Major General Rudzani Maphwanya, as the future system owner. Even though this has been a Special Forces project, the SA Army Infantry Formation and more specifically, 44 Parachute Regiment will manage and maintain the system as the Centre of Excellence for Parachute Training. Special Forces will however keep their own operational reserve system on location for independent operations.

The project intends to give opportunity to view one of the qualifying High Altitude jumps from the DZ at De Brug, where after a visit and demonstration of the Parachute Simulator will take place at a hangar in 44 Parachute Regiment, in Bloemfontein at 12h00 on Thursday 25 August 2016.

Member of the media are invited to attend this event. Assigned journalists are requested to confirm their attendance as depicted below.

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