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**SUBJECT: THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE CONFIRMS
THE CHARTERING OF AN EXECUJET AIRCRAFT FOR MILITARY
AND CIVILIAN DIGNITARIES IN 2015**

The SANDF confirms that a chartered aircraft (ZS-OAK) landed and took-off from Air Force Base Waterkloof (AFB WKLF) to ferry various invited military and civilian dignitaries to the South African Army Combat Training Centre in Lohatla, Northern Cape. These dignitaries and captains of the defence industry were invited to attend the 2015 edition of “*Exercise Amani Africa*”, a force preparation exercise with various Regional militaries.

The SANDF makes use of chartered aircraft when the following instances develop;

- Where the available Serviceable aircraft is/are certified to be inadequate to safely ferry a specific number of passengers and or goods.
- The Serviceability status is assessed to have a potential to compromise the safety of both passengers and or crew.

It is standard aircraft charter procedure for the Department of Defence (DOD) to forward a request for an aircraft charter through the National Treasury approved RT61 contract process. It is through this process that ExecuJet was appointed as the service provider for the required aircraft. The SANDF has no influence nor say in how the charter process is managed and the required aircraft is solicited.

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