

## PRESIDENTIAL WARRANT

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE INSTITUTION OF  
HONOURS FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE  
FORCE

To all to whom these presents shall come,

## GREETING!

WHEREAS I deem it desirable to honour Officers and Other Ranks of the South African National Defence Force and of any Auxiliary Service of the South African National Defence Force, and of any Armed Forces attached to or serving with or rendering any service to the South African National Defence Force who have distinguished themselves by leadership or meritorious conduct and devotion to duty on a single occasion or over a period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers granted to me to institute honours by the provisions of Section 84(2)(k) of the *Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996)*, I hereby institute, with effect from the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2003, decorations which shall be known as

1. iPhrothiya yeGolide - Golden Protea, which shall be awarded to persons who have distinguished themselves by exceptional leadership or exceptional meritorious service and the utmost devotion to duty;
2. iPhrothiya yeSiliva - Silver Protea, which shall be awarded to persons who have distinguished themselves by outstanding leadership or outstanding meritorious service and particular devotion to duty;
3. iPhrothiya yeBhronzi - Bronze Protea, which shall be awarded to persons who have distinguished themselves by leadership or meritorious service and the devotion to duty,

and which shall be reserved exclusively for the purpose stated and which should be highly prized by all members of the aforesaid forces.

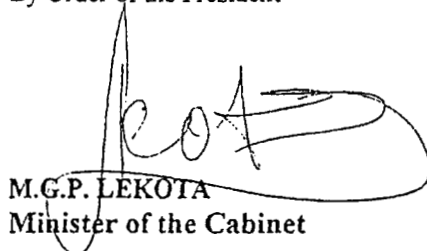
I ORDAIN further that the Rules and Regulations embodied in the Schedule hereto shall govern the design and award of the said decorations, as well as their annulment, forfeiture and restoration.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Sixteenth day of April the Year Two Thousand and Three.



T. M. MBEKI  
President

By Order of the President



M.G.P. LEKOTA  
Minister of the Cabinet

- c. In Naval uniform: Anchor.
- d. In Military Health Service uniform: Rod of Aesculapius.

#### Rule 4

The decorations shall be worn on the left breast pendent from suspenders, attached to ribbons 32 millimetres wide. The ribbons for the respective decorations shall be as described in the following paragraphs:

1. The ribbon for **iPhrothiya yeGolide - Golden Protea** shall be 32 millimetres wide, national flag blue 13 millimetres wide, gold 2 millimetres, black 2 millimetres, gold 2 millimetres, and national flag blue 13 millimetres wide.
2. The ribbon for **iPhrothiya yeSiliva - Silver Protea** shall be 32 millimetres wide, national flag blue 11 millimetres wide, white 2 millimetres, black 2 millimetres, gold 2 millimetres, black 2 millimetres, white 2 millimetres and national flag blue 11 millimetres wide.
3. The ribbon for **iPhrothiya yeBhronzi - Bronze Protea** shall be 32 millimetres wide, national flag blue 9 millimetres wide, white 2 millimetres, black 2 millimetres, white 2 millimetres, black 2 millimetres, white 2 millimetres black 2 millimetres, white 2 millimetres and national flag blue 9 millimetres wide.

#### CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE DECORATIONS

##### Rule 5

The honours for meritorious conduct may be awarded to Officers and Other Ranks of the South African National Defence Force and of any Auxiliary Service of the South African National Defence Force, and of any Armed Forces attached to or serving with or rendering any service to the South African National Defence Force who have distinguished themselves by leadership or meritorious conduct and devotion to duty on a single occasion or over a period of time. The decorations shall be awarded to persons who

1. in respect of **iPhrothiya yeGolide - Golden Protea**, distinguished themselves by exceptional leadership or exceptional meritorious service and the utmost devotion to duty;
2. in respect of **iPhrothiya yeSiliva - Silver Protea**, distinguished themselves by outstanding leadership or outstanding meritorious service and particular devotion to duty;
3. in respect of **iPhrothiya yeBhronzi - Bronze Protea**, distinguished themselves by leadership or meritorious service and devotion to duty.

##### Rule 6

Only one of each decoration shall be conferred. Should recipients of any of the decorations again perform services that would have made them eligible to be considered for the award of the same decoration, recognition of the conduct may be accorded by the award of a bar to denote a subsequent conferment of the decoration. The bar shall be 33 millimetres in length and 5 millimetres wide, embossed in the centre with silhouette replica of the decoration, to be worn on the ribbon evenly spaced between the suspender and the top of the ribbon. When only a ribbon bar is worn, a replica in the form of a silhouette replica, 8 millimetres in diameter and of the same metal as the decoration, shall be affixed to the ribbon to denote each bar awarded. The first replica shall be affixed to the centre of the ribbon. Subsequent replicas shall be evenly spaced on the breadth of the ribbon bar. The bars for each additional award of the honour shall be of the following metals:

1. The bar shall be of silver gilt in respect of **iPhrothiya yeGolide - Golden Protea**.

2. The bar shall be of silver in respect of **iPhrothiya yeSiliva - Silver Protea**.
3. The bar shall be of bronze in respect of **iPhrothiya yeBhronzi - Bronze Protea**.

#### **Rule 7**

The decorations and the bars may be awarded posthumously.

#### **Rule 8**

The conferment of the decorations shall not entitle recipients to any individual precedence, rank or title, but they shall be entitled to indicate that they hold any of the decorations by the addition after their names of the following letters:

1. For **iPhrothiya yeGolide - Golden Protea**, the letters **PG**.
2. For **iPhrothiya yeSiliva - Silver Protea**, the letters **PS**.
3. For **iPhrothiya yeBhronzi - Bronze Protea**, the letters **PB**.

### **GENERAL**

#### **Rule 9**

In accordance with these rules and the regulations for the granting, forfeiture, annulment and restoration of the decorations, the President may confer, order the forfeiture, the annulment, or the restoration of the decorations.

#### **Rule 10**

Every recipient of any of the medal shall be entitled to

1. a miniature thereof and to wear the miniature on appropriate occasions as prescribed by the Dress Regulations;
2. a certificate of award, in a form determined by the Chief of the South African National Defence Force.

#### **Rule 11**

A sealed pattern of the decorations and of the bars, together with a sealed pattern of a reproduction in miniature, half the size of the decoration, and the replicas, shall be kept in the Presidency.

### **REGULATIONS FOR THE HONOURS FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT**

In terms of Section 84(2)(k) of the *Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996)*, read with Section 136(3) of the *Defence Act, 1957 (Act No. 44 of 1957)*, the President of the Republic of South Africa has made the following Regulations for the grant, annulment and restoration of the Honours for Meritorious Conduct.

### **REGULATIONS FOR THE CONFERMENT, FORFEITURE AND ANNULMENT AND THE MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE HONOURS FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT**

#### **Regulation 1**

Precedence. The decorations shall take precedence as merit awards in the Official Table of Precedence as published from time to time by the President.

**Regulation 2**

An Award of the Decoration to a Prisoner of War or a Person Missing in Operations. If the decoration is awarded to a person who is a prisoner of war, or is missing in an operation, such award shall not be announced until the person concerned has ceased to be a prisoner of war or to be missing, and the date of award shall be mentioned in such an announcement.

**Regulation 3**Issue of the Decorations.

1. The decorations, ribbons and the miniatures thereof as well as the certificates of award shall be issued only once to a recipient at State expense. Replacement after loss thereof shall be at the expense of the recipient or next of kin.
2. A single numbered specimen of the decoration and its ribbon and of the miniature decoration and ribbon may be made available to an accredited museum or similar institution approved of by a Designated Officer and subject to conditions approved by the Treasury. The unique number shall be preceded by the capital letter "M".
3. A letter explaining the significance of the award and the privileges and duties in respect of the decoration shall accompany each award. A similar letter shall accompany each decoration issued to museums and similar institutions.

**Regulation 4**Registration and Publication.

1. A unique serial number shall be stamped or engraved on each decoration, excluding the miniature thereof.
2. A Designated Officer shall maintain a permanent Register in which shall be recorded
  - a. the serial number of each decoration;
  - b. the names of the recipients or of the museums or institutions to whom or to which decorations have been awarded or donated and the dates of the award or donation;
  - c. any forfeiture, annulment, loss, replacement or restoration of a decoration and the dates of each action.
3. Each award, forfeiture, annulment and restoration of the decoration shall be published in the Orders of the South African National Defence Force.
4. The publication of the recipient's name in the orders of the South African National Defence Force is the sole authority for the recipient to wear the appropriate ribbon, decoration or miniature thereof or to use the appropriate post-nominal letters.

**Regulation 5**

Presentation. When it is practicable, a decoration shall be presented to a recipient on a parade, provided that should a recipient have died before the presentation, the decoration may be presented on a parade or otherwise to the next of kin or to any other person at the discretion of a Designated Officer.

**Regulation 6**

Forfeiture of the Decorations. In accordance with Rule 9, and subject to the provisions of the *Promotion of the Administration of Justice Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000)*, the President may declare a decoration and the bars thereto, awarded in terms of the provisions of this Warrant, forfeited for not more than five years if the recipient is convicted by a military court established in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the *Military Discipline Supplementary Measures Act, 1999 (Act No. 16 of 1999)*, or by a civilian court and sentenced to any punishment.

1. The period of forfeiture shall be calculated from the date of conviction.
2. The decoration may be restored at any time before expiration of the period for which it was forfeited if it is the opinion of the President that the recipient has become in every way deserving and worthy of the restoration.
3. Upon the expiry of the full period for which the decoration was forfeited, it shall be restored without any further declaration by the President.
4. Upon forfeiture by the President, the decoration shall be withdrawn from the holder who shall not be permitted to wear the decoration, the bars thereto and the ribbon until they have been officially restored.
5. Should any person whose awards have been forfeited at any time wear the decoration, the bars or the ribbon, that person shall be guilty of an offence and shall be dealt with according to the provisions of the Military Discipline Code.

**Regulation 7**

Annulment of the Award of the Decorations.

1. In accordance with Rule 9, and subject to the provisions of the *Promotion of the Administration of Justice Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000)*, the President may declare any award made in terms of the provisions of this Warrant annulled if the recipient:
  - a. is convicted of high treason, sedition, mutiny or any other crime which amounts to a similar offence; or
  - b. is convicted and sentenced to any punishment that justifies annulment or is sentenced to be cashiered; or
  - c. is to be dismissed in the case of an Officer or to be discharged with ignominy or to be discharged in the case of an Other Rank, from the South African National Defence Force.
2. Upon annulment by the President, the decoration shall be permanently withdrawn from the holder who shall no longer have the right to wear the decoration, the bars thereto and the ribbon.
3. Should any person whose awards have been annulled at any time wear the decoration, the bars or the ribbon, that person shall be guilty of an offence and shall be dealt with according to the provisions of the Military Discipline Code.

**Regulation 8**

Surrender by Recipients. Recipients of the decorations shall, upon forfeiture or annulment of the awards of the decorations, surrender their decorations, the miniatures thereof and certificates of the awards to a Designated Officer.

**Regulation 9**

Restoration. In accordance with the terms of Rule 9, the decoration may be restored if it is the opinion of the President that the recipient is in every way deserving and worthy of the restoration.

**Regulation 10**Disposal, Loss and Replacement.

1. No person to whom a decoration has been awarded in terms of this Warrant shall pledge, barter or sell or dispose of such decorations other than by way of testamentary bequest.
2. A recipient shall report the loss or theft of a decoration in writing to the Chief of the South African National Defence Force. A museum or similar institution to which a decoration shall have been issued shall also report the loss or theft of a decoration in writing to the Chief of the South African National Defence Force.
3. If a Designated Officer is of the opinion that the loss is not due to the negligence or default of the recipient, he may authorise replacement at State expense, but in every other case replacement shall be made against payment.

**Regulation 11**Definitions. In these regulations, unless the context indicates otherwise,

1. "decoration" shall mean **iPhrothiya yeGolide - Golden Protea, iPhrothiya yeSiliva - Silver Protea or iPhrothiya yeBhronzi - Bronze Protea.**
2. "Designated Officer" shall mean an officer appointed by the Chief of the South African National Defence Force to perform the functions prescribed with which the officer has been charged under these Regulations.
3. "award" shall mean the conferment of the decorations referred to in Rule 1.
4. "annulment" shall mean that an award is declared to be cancelled and void and of no effect.
5. "bar" shall mean an additional award of a decoration for meritorious service.
6. "forfeiture" shall mean that
  - a. prior to the award of the medal, the conferment of the medal or the bars thereto may be deferred for a prescribed period of time which period, however, shall be permanently erased from the member's total period of service; or
  - b. after the award of the medal the recipient may be deprived of the medal and the bars thereto and the right to wear the medal, the bars and the ribbon for a prescribed period of time, which period shall be permanently erased from the member's total period of service
7. "honour" shall mean **iPhrothiya yeGolide - Golden Protea, iPhrothiya yeSiliva - Silver Protea or iPhrothiya yeBhronzi - Bronze Protea;**
8. "recipient" shall mean any person to whom a Decoration has been awarded in terms of these Rules and Regulations;
9. "ribbon bar" shall mean one or more strips of medal ribbon sewn or otherwise affixed to a metal brooch or strip of buckram or other stiffening material for wear when medals themselves are not to be worn;
10. "Rules" and "Regulations" shall mean the Rules and the Regulations for the award of the honours for meritorious conduct.