

PRESIDENTIAL WARRANT**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
FOR THE REVISION OF THE PRACTICE OF MENTIONING MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH
AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE IN DESPATCHES – OKHANKANYIWEYO**

To all to whom these presents shall come,

GREETING!

WHEREAS by Presidential Warrant dated 3rd November 1967 the State President of the Republic of South Africa formally instituted the practice of **Mentioning in Despatches - Okhankanyiweyo** Officers and Other Ranks of the armed forces of the Republic who had rendered distinguished services in the execution of duty;

AND WHEREAS on the 27th day of August 1986 the said Warrant was replaced by a Warrant the State President of the Republic revising and amending the provisions regarding such practice;

AND WHEREAS I deem it desirable to continue and to amplify the practice of being informed of every noteworthy instance of Brave or Meritorious Conduct, Leadership, Devotion to Duty, Praiseworthy Service or other Distinguished Conduct by 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 in the execution of duty in accordance with the provisions of the Defence Act, or in other circumstances, which actions may not have warranted the award of a particular Decoration or Medal for such distinguished services;

AND WHEREAS I require the Chief of the South African National Defence Force in his despatches to me concerning campaigns, military operations or notable military actions, to Mention the Names, without regard to rank, of Members of the South African National Defence Force, and of any Auxiliary Service of the South African National Defence Force, or other Armed Forces attached to or serving with or rendering any service to the South African National Defence Force, who on account of Brave or Meritorious Conduct, Leadership, Devotion to Duty or Praiseworthy Service, are worthy of being so Mentioned;

AND WHEREAS it is my desire that particular recognition should be accorded to every such person who has thus been mentioned and has not in any other manner suitably been recognised for the said Brave or Meritorious Conduct, Leadership, Service or Devotion to Duty;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers granted to me to institute honours in accordance with the provisions of Section 84(2)(k) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, (Act 108 of 1996), I hereby order, with effect from the 27th day of April of the year 2003,

Firstly, that the Name of every such person to whom Recognition is to be accorded shall be published in the *Orders* of the South African National Defence Force as having been **Mentioned in Despatches – Okhankanyiweyo** to the President of the Republic of South Africa;

Secondly, that every person whose name has thus been published shall wear a miniature emblem of bronze in the form of the Coat of Arms of the Republic of South Africa, 16 millimetres in height, to denote the **Mention in Despatches – Okhankanyiweyo**, together with the Decorations and Medals to which the person may be entitled;

Thirdly, that the emblem shall be worn, above any campaign clasp, on the ribbon of the medal awarded for the campaign or operation during which such person may have been mentioned, or on the ribbon of a General Service Medal which may have been similarly awarded for service in the campaign or operation, or if the wearer has no such medal, in the position of a single ribbon on the tunic or on a ribbon bar after all other honours worn by the recipient;

Fourthly, that when only a ribbon bar is worn the emblem in miniature, 10 millimetres in height, shall be affixed in the centre of the ribbon bar and when the emblem is worn with miniature medals in the prescribed dress, the same miniature emblem shall be worn above any campaign clasp;

Fifthly, that regardless of the number of times the names of such persons shall have been published in the *Orders* of the South African National Defence Force as having been Mentioned in Despatches - Okhankanyiweyo, the persons shall be entitled to wear only one such emblem to denote their having been Mentioned in Despatches - Okhankanyiweyo, save that when their names are Mentioned in *Orders* the number of previous Mentions in Despatches - Okhankanyiweyo shall be cited;

Sixthly, that the Mention in Despatches - Okhankanyiweyo does not entitle the persons so mentioned to use any letters or abbreviations after their names to denote their having been so mentioned, save that for administrative purposes only the Mention may be indicated by the abbreviation "m.i.d";

Seventhly, that such emblem may be forfeited, the award may be annulled or restored in the manner of any other decoration or medal in accordance with the Rules and Regulations applicable to such other honours;

Eighthly, that a Designated Officer shall maintain a permanent Register in which shall be recorded all persons, whose names have been so published in the *Orders* of the South African National Defence Force and shall issue to each such person a Certificate of having the distinction of having been Mentioned in Despatches - Okhankanyiweyo.

Ninthly, that in this Presidential Warrant, unless the context indicates otherwise,

1. "Designated Officer" shall mean an officer appointed by the Chief of the South African National Defence Force to perform the functions with which the officer has been charged in this Warrant;
2. "an award" shall mean the conferment of an honour referred to in the Rules for the various decorations and medals instituted by in the Republic of South Africa;
3. "annulment" shall mean that an award is declared to be cancelled and void and of no effect.
4. "forfeiture" shall mean that the recipient of an honour may be deprived thereof and of the right to wear the honour or of the ribbon for a prescribed period of time.
5. "honour" shall mean any Order, Decoration of Medal or Bars or Mention in Despatches - Okhankanyiweyo instituted by the President.
6. "recipient" shall mean any person to whom an honour has been awarded in terms of these Rules and Regulations;
7. "ribbon bar" shall mean a metal brooch or a strip of buckram or other stiffening material on which strips of medal ribbon have been sewn or otherwise affixed for wear when medals are not themselves to be worn;
8. "Rules" and "Regulations" shall mean the Rules and the Regulations for the award of the various South African honours.

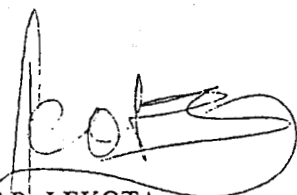
Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Sixteenth day of April the Year Two Thousand and Three.

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T. M. MBEKI
President

By Order of the President



M.G.P. LEKOTA
Minjster of the Cabinet
