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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

THE PRESIDENCY

No. 210

27 March 2014

PRESIDENTIAL WARRANT**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE
INSTITUTION OF ORDER OF SOUTH AFRICA HONOURING HEADS OF
STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

To all to whom these presents may come,

GREETING!

Whereas it is desirable that Heads of State and Government who have distinguished themselves to the President of the Republic of South Africa and as a reciprocal to an Order or award that the President of the Republic of South Africa have received from that particular Head of State and Government, be honoured in an appropriate manner;

Now, therefore, I hereby institute in terms of section 84 (2) (k) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 , a National Order which shall be known as:

The Order of South Africa (gold), which shall be awarded to the Heads of State and Government who have distinguished themselves to the President of the Republic of South Africa

I ordain further that the Rules and Regulations governing the Order of South Africa shall govern the design award of the National Order, as well as its annulment, forfeiture and restoration.

Given under my Hand and the Seal at...*Pretoria*..... On this *21*...
day of...*March*..... Two thousand and Fourteen.

**PRESIDENT**

RULES

CATEGORY

1. The Order is awarded in Gold category;

(i) Category I: (Gold)

Heads of State and Government as an honour and also as a reciprocal or an exchange to an Order or award that the President of the Republic of South Africa may receive from Heads of State and Government.

INSIGNIA

2. *The Insignia shall consist of –*

- (i) the Neck Insignia
- (ii) Miniature
- (ii) the Rosette.
- (iii) the Ribbon

3. Neck insignia and miniature

(i) Both the neck insignia and miniatures shall in all other respects be identical except that the miniature will not be set with diamonds

(iii) The Order shall be an 18 carat Gold Raindrop pendant from a ring suspender affixed to the reverse of the Order. The obverse of the Order shall bear the following in three-dimensional effect:

Sunburst-Element of the National Coat of Arms, Wings of the Secretary bird-The National bird, The Southern Cross in five-point star form set with diamonds, Protea-The National flower

(iii) The metal of Category shall be gold.

(iv) The overall dimensions of the neck insignia shall be 64 mm in height and 50mm in width.

(v) The dimensions of the miniature shall be 46% of the size of the neck insignia.

(vi) Both the full-size and miniature insignia shall bear on the reverse the National Coat of Arms, in relief.

4. Ribbon

- (i) The ribbon shall be 35 mm in width, white rain drops on beige in colour, shall be manufactured locally, made in accordance with sound manufacturing practices, have been made from uniform and well-prepared yarns, be of acceptable uniform make, width, colour(s) and finish, Be free from defects that impair their appearance of that effect their serviceability, or both, Be delivered in a clean and commercial dry condition, be at least equal in quality, handle and appearance to the corresponding sealed sample held by The Presidency.

The selvedge shall be straight, firm and woven. In case the Ribbon woven shuttles loom, the pick shall be interlocked at or near the selvedge by a locking thread that will prevent the unravelling of the selvedge during use.

- (ii) The miniature ribbon shall be half the width of the full-size ribbon.

5. The Rosette

- (i) The rosette shall be 46% of the size of the Order, in the form of lapel badge with a pin and clutch, and no Coat of Arms on the reverse and shall not be set with diamonds.

OFFICIALS OF THE ORDER

6. The officials of the Order are the following:

- (i) The President as the Grand Patron of the Order; and
- (ii) The Chancellor of Orders, who administers and keeps the Order.

AWARD OF THE ORDER

7. The President may subject to the rules and Regulations concerning: "The Order of South Africa" (herein after referred to as the Regulations)

- (i) Award the Order, also posthumously;

WEARING OF THE ORDER

8. The insignia shall be worn pendent from a ribbon worn around the neck, while the miniature shall be worn on the left breast.

The lapel badge shall be worn on the left lapel of the jacket, in the case of ladies, as a brooch.

GENERAL RULES

9. The President as Grand Patron of the Order is, on assumption of office and after relinquishing office, the holder of the Order in the highest category and may wear insignia of the Order on appropriate occasions.
10. All unawarded insignia and ribbons shall be kept at the Chancery and shall be supplied to recipients by the Chancery only.
11. The names of the persons who have been awarded the Order, shall be published in the Government Gazette.
12. The President may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of this Warrant.

REGULATION GOVERNING “THE ORDER OF SOUTH AFRICA”

The President has, in terms of rule 12 of this Warrant, dated the 21st of March 2014, by which “the Order of South Africa” (hereinafter referred to as the Order) approved that the following regulations governing the Order be promulgated:

1. Upon award, the Order shall be presented by the President or by any other person designated by him to the person to whom the Order has been awarded. If at all possible, in the case of a posthumous award, to the next of kin, a blood relation or legal heir of the deceased, as the President may determine.
2. A scroll/certificate of Award bearing the Seal of the Chancery of Orders and signed by the Chancellor of Orders or any officer designated by him/her, shall be issued in respect of each award.
3. The insignia shall be worn only by the person to whom they have been awarded.
4. (i) If the insignia or scroll/certificate of award is stolen, lost, destroyed or damaged, the circumstances must be reported to the Chancellor of Orders.

(ii) If the Chancellor, after due investigation and upon sworn information is of the opinion that the theft, loss destruction or damage to the insignia or Certificate of award was not due to negligence or carelessness of the recipient, he may authorize the replacement of thereof at the state expense, otherwise the recipient shall bear the cost of replacement.
5. The holder shall not pledge, barter, sell or in any way alienate the insignia except by testamentary bequest. In case of any doubt, the Chancellor or the Chancery of Orders must be consulted.
6. Before the Order may be awarded, an unequivocal assurance, confirmed through diplomatic channels, that the nominee is prepared and has been granted approval by his Government to accept the Order, must be obtained.
7. The Chancery of Orders shall keep a register in which the following shall be recorded:

- (i) The name of the recipient, the date of award and the serial number of the insignia; and
- (ii) The loss or replacement of the Insignia of the Order.

8. The President may-

- (i) amend or recall the Insignia of the Order;
 - (ii) and amend or rescind the requirements for award of the Order.
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