WARRANT

by the President of the Republic of South Africa by which the "South African Police Service Twenty Year Loyal Service Medal" is instituted

To all to whom these presents shall come:

Greetings!

Whereas it is deemed desirable to recognize exceptional devotion to duty displayed by members of the South African Police Service;

And whereas it is deemed expedient to honour such members in a fitting manner;

Now, therefore, by virtue of the powers granted to me to institute honours in accordance with the provisions of Section 84(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996), read together with Section 44 (2) of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 (Act No. 68 of 1995), I hereby repeal the institution of the medal the "South African Police Star for Faithful Service" as set out in the Warrant, dated 1 May 1979, as promulgated in Government Gazette No. 6451, dated 18 May 1979, as amended by the Warrant, dated 31 January 1985, as promulgated in Government Gazette No. 9597, dated 22 February 1985, the Warrant, dated 3 September 1987, as promulgated in Government Gazette No. 10965, dated 9 October 1987, and the Presidential Act 486, dated 2 November 1998, respectively and the Rules thereto without prejudice to anything lawfully done under such warrant: Provided that all persons on whom the medal has been conferred, may retain and wear it;

And now, therefore, by virtue of the powers granted to me to institute honours in accordance with the provisions of Section 84(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996), read together with Section 44 (2) of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 (Act No. 68 of 1995), I do hereby institute a new medal in recognition of exceptional devotion to duty by members of the South African Police Service, and further ordain that the following Rules as may be made under this Warrant, shall govern the award of the medal:
1. PRECEDENCE:
In respect of decorations or medals which may be awarded exclusively to members of the South African Police Service, the medal shall have precedence immediately after the South African Police Service Thirty Year Loyal Service Medal, and also holds the position in the national precedence list as determined by the Presidency from time to time.

2. DESCRIPTION:
The South African Police Service Twenty Year Loyal Service Medal shall be a silver nonagon, fitting within a circle 38 mm in diameter. On the obverse, an open laurel wreath surmounted by a faceted star-cross, with a shorter, faceted intermediate ray between the rays, charged in the centre on a nonagon, with a representation of a tree aloe on an island, all in relief. The reverse shall depict the National Coat of Arms of the Republic of South Africa, with the words "SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE 20 YEAR LOYAL SERVICE MEDAL" as circumscription above it. The medal shall be pendent from a plain suspender affixed to the upper rim by means of an escutcheon, bearing a tree aloe in relief.

3. RIBBON:
The South African Police Service Twenty Year Loyal Service Medal shall be pendent from a ribbon, 32 mm wide, with nine vertical silver, blue, yellow, red, silver, red, yellow, blue and silver stripes respectively 5.5 mm, 4 mm, 1.5 mm, 2 mm, 6 mm, 2 mm, 1.5 mm, 4 mm and 5.5 mm wide, in that sequence from left to right.

4. CONFERMENT REQUIREMENTS:
The South African Police Service Twenty Year Loyal Service Medal may be awarded to a member of the South African Police Service who has served for a period of at least 20 years (not necessarily continuous) and has displayed an irreproachable character and exemplary conduct.

5. SERVICE QUALIFICATIONS:
The following service, which may have been interrupted, may be regarded as qualifying service for the award of the medal: Provided that evidence is submitted of all service to be recognised to the satisfaction of the National Commissioner of the South African Police Service:

5.1. Service as a full-time member of the South African Police or South African Police Service.

5.2. Service as a member of the Permanent Force of the South African Defence Force
5.3. Service as a full-time member of the South African Prison Service or the South African Correctional Service.

5.4. Service as a member of the Azanian People's Liberation Army or Umkhonto we Sizwe before 27 April 1994: Provided that the member's name appears either in the Name Lists or in the certified personnel registers of the institutions concerned and an appropriate authenticated service certificate appears on the member's file, or is submitted.

5.5. Service as a member of the Police Service, Defence Force or Correctional Services or similar institutions of the erstwhile Transkei, Ciskei, Bophuthatswana, Venda, or service as a member of the police services or correctional services or similar institutions of the self-governing Territories before 29 January 1995.

5.6. Service as a member of the Reserves of the South African Police or forces mentioned in paragraph 5.5 before 29 January 1995: Provided that service rendered between 29 January 1995 and 15 October 1995 may be recognized only for those years during which the member served in any manner for at least 12 days, which service may have been continuous or noncontinuous and irrespective whether the member was remunerated or not.

5.7. Service as a member of the Municipal Police which integrated into the former South African Police on 1 October 1989, which service was rendered before 29 January 1995.

6. CONFERMENT, FORFEITURE OR RESTORATION OF MEDAL:

The medal shall be awarded by the Minister for Safety and Security of the Republic of South Africa on the recommendation of the National Commissioner of the South African Police Service, and may also be cancelled, annulled, declared forfeited or restored by the Minister for Safety and Security of the Republic of South Africa on the recommendation of the National Commissioner of the South African Police Service, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Regulations.

7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD:

The medal may be awarded posthumously.

8. ENGRAVING/STAMPING OF A SERIAL NUMBER:

On the reverse of each medal awarded shall be stamped/engraved a serial number that is linked to the Persal number of the recipient.

9. PUBLICATION IN NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION LIST AND RECORDING IN REGISTER:
The names of the members to whom the medal is awarded, shall be published in a national distribution list and shall, together with such particulars as the National Commissioner of the South African Police Service may deem fit, be recorded in a register kept in his or her office.

10. The medal shall be worn on the left breast. When the medal is not worn, only the ribbon in respect thereof shall be worn on the left breast.

11. The award of the medal shall not entitle the recipient to any individual precedence.

12. A reproduction of the medal in miniature, half the size of the medal, may be worn on fitting occasions.

13. A sealed model of the medal, as well as the ribbon in respect thereof and of the miniature reproduction thereof, shall be kept in safe custody in the office of the National Commissioner of the South African Police Service or in such other place as the President of the Republic of South Africa may determine.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria on this Fourth day of May of the year Two thousand and Four.

(signed)
T. MBEKI
President.

By Order of the President-in-Council:

(signed)
C. NQAKULA
Minister of the Cabinet.