WARRANT

By the President of the Republic of South Africa by which the "South African Police Service Canine and Equine Star for Bravery" is instituted

To all to whom these presents shall come:

Greetings!

Whereas it is deemed desirable to recognize signal acts of valour displayed by dogs and horses of the South African Police Service who, in the discharge of their duties or in protecting or saving property or life, have lost or genuinely imperilled their own lives;

And whereas it is deemed expedient to honour such animals 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 do hereby institute a new medal in recognition of acts of outstanding and exceptional bravery by dogs and horses 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. DESCRIPTION:

The South African Police Service Canine and Equine Star for Bravery shall be a silver gilt nonagon, fitting within a circle 38 mm in diameter. On the obverse, a silver gilt open laurel wreath surmounted by a silver faceted star-cross, with a shorter, faceted intermediate ray between the rays, bearing in the centre on a silver nonagon, the head of a German shepherd dog partially surmounted in bend by the head of a horse contourne, both in relief. The reverse shall depict the National Coat of Arms of the Republic of South Africa, with the words "FORTIS ET FIDELIS" as circumscription above, and the words
"FOR BRAVERY" as circumscription below it. The medal shall be pendent from a necklet that passes through a flat suspension loop charged with a horseshoe and therewith a dog’s pawprint, attached to the upper rim by means of a link ring.

2. RIBBON:

The South African Police Service Canine and Equine Star for Bravery shall be pendent from a ribbon, 32 mm wide, with nine vertical green, white, blue, yellow, red, yellow, blue, white and green stripes respectively 6 mm, 1.5 mm, 5 mm, 1.5 mm, 4 mm, 1.5 mm, 5 mm, 1.5 mm and 6 mm wide, in that sequence from left to right.

3. BAR:

The bar to the medal which may be awarded in terms of Rule 5 shall be of silver gilt, 35 mm in length and 6 mm wide, charged in the centre in silver either with the head of a German shepherd dog or the head of a horse, as the case may be.

4. CONFERMENT REQUIREMENTS:

The South African Police Service Canine and Equine Star for Bravery may be awarded to a dog or a horse in the service of the South African Police Service that has distinguished itself by performing a signal deed of bravery in dangerous circumstances.

5. CONFERMENT REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO A BAR:

A bar may be awarded to any dog or horse in the service of the South African Police Service to whom the medal has already been awarded and that, subsequent to such award and while still serving in the South African Police Service, has again distinguished itself in the manner described in Rule 5. In respect of every such additional distinction, an additional bar may be awarded.

6. CONFERMENT, FORFEITURE OR RESTORATION OF MEDAL:

The medal, as well as the bar in respect thereof, 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, as well as the bar in respect thereof, may be awarded posthumously.

8. The medal shall be worn around the neck of the animal, and where a bar has been awarded, the bar shall be affixed to the ribbon as an indication of the award of such bar.

9. A sealed model of the medal, as well as the bar and 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.