WARRANT

By the President of the Republic of South Africa by which the "South African Police Service Gold Medal for Outstanding Service" is instituted

To all to whom these presents shall come:

Greetings!

Whereas it is deemed desirable to recognize outstanding devotion to duty displayed by members of the South African Police Service in the discharge of their functions;

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 decoration the "South African Police Star for Outstanding Service" and the Rules thereto 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 22 January 1982, as promulgated in Government Gazette No. 7995, dated 22 January 1982, and the Warrant, dated 17 May 1989, as promulgated in Government Gazette No. 11969, dated 21 June 1989, respectively without prejudice to anything lawfully done under such warrant: Provided that all persons on whom the decoration 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 or services of a particularly meritorious and exemplary nature rendered 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 take precedence immediately after the South African Police Service Silver Cross for Bravery, 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 Gold Medal for Outstanding Service shall be a silver gilt nonagon with blue enamel, fitting within a circle 38 mm in diameter. On the obverse, a nine-pointed faceted star throughout on which shall be charged, in the centre on a blue nonagon, with a gold representation of a tree aloe on an island proper. The reverse shall also depict the National Coat of Arms of the Republic of South Africa, with the words "STELLA OFFICIIREGII" as circumscription above it. The medal shall be pendent from a plain suspender affixed to the upper arm by means of a demi-secretary bird displayed, with a protea flower charged on the breast.

3. RIBBON:

The South African Police Service Gold Medal for Outstanding Service shall be pendent from a ribbon, 32 mm wide, with eleven vertical blue, gold, green, gold, white, red, white, gold, green, gold and blue stripes respectively 5 mm, 1.5 mm, 2.5 mm, 4 mm, 1.5 mm, 3 mm, 1.5 mm, 4 mm, 2.5 mm, 1.5 mm and 5 mm wide, in that sequence from left to right.

4. 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, embossed in the centre with a representation of a tree aloe. In respect of each bar awarded, a silver gilt clasp in the form of a tree aloe, shall be issued.

5. CONFERMENT REQUIREMENTS:

The South African Police Service Gold Medal for Outstanding Service may be awarded to a member of the South African Police Service, who holds the rank of assistant commissioner or higher, and who has distinguished himself or herself by rendering services of a particular meritorious or exemplary nature, or distinguished himself or herself through outstanding resourcefulness, leadership and sense of duty and by setting an example in any branch of the South African Police Service: Provided that members must be evaluated for a period of five (5) years preceding the appointment in their current rank, in accordance with the aforementioned criteria.

6. CONFERMENT REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO A BAR:

A bar may be awarded to any member to whom the medal has already been awarded and who, subsequent to such award and while still serving as a member of the South African Police Service, has again distinguished himself or herself in the manner described in Rule 5. In respect of every such additional distinction, an additional bar may be awarded: Provided that a silver gilt bar shall be awarded only to a member who is already in
7. 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.

8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD:

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

9. 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.

10. PUBLICATION IN NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION LIST AND RECORDING IN REGISTER:

The names of the members to whom the medal or bar 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.

11. The medal shall be worn on the left breast, and a bar in respect thereof shall be affixed to the ribbon. When the medal is not worn, only the ribbon in respect thereof shall be worn on the left breast, and where the bar has been awarded, the clasp shall be affixed to the ribbon as an indication of the award of such bar.

12. The award of the medal or bar shall not entitle the recipient to any individual precedence, but shall allow him or her to add the letters "SOEG", the abbreviation for "STELLA OFFICII EREGII (GOLD)" after his or her name.

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

14. 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.