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**Subject:** LIEUTENANT GENERAL (RET) LEHLOHONOLO NTSIKE "LAMBERT"  
MOLOI PASSES ON

Yesterday 23 December 2013, the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Hon Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula expressed sadness at the news of the passing away of the former Chief of Service Corps, Lt General Lehlohonolo (ret) Moloi. The Minister has extended her condolences to his family. The Chief of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) and Umkhonto we Sizwe Veterans Association have sent their deepest sympathies to the family. General Moloi is one for the first generation of leadership of the new South Africa National Defence Force and was one of the key negotiators leading to the integration of our countries' non-statutory and statutory forces.

Lehlohonolo Ntsike "Lambert" Moloi was born in 1932, in Quting, Lesotho. In 1940 his family moved to South Africa to join his father, who was a railway worker in Braamfontein, Johannesburg. He went to school in Soweto until he left the country in 1963 to join uMkhonto We Sizwe abroad. He returned to Lesotho to live in exile where he worked with Chris Hani until he was transferred to Lusaka in the early 1980s. He has been an MK commander throughout his entire time that he served in MK in exile.

He worked in the Operations Department of MK, where he was responsible for the deployment and infiltration of members of Umkhonto We Sizwe into the country. Upon his return to South Africa he played a major role during the negotiations in ensuring that members of MK were integrated in their numbers into the newly formed South African National Defence Force (SANDF) which he subsequently joined as a senior officer. He is a retired Lt General and a businessman in the defence industry.

At the time of his death Lt General Moloi was a member of the newly established Defence Service Commission, which was formed to look after the conditions of service of members of the South African National Defence Force.

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