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Defence  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

## **MEDIA INVITE**

**DATE:** Friday, 10 May 2013

**EMBARGO:** None

**SUBJECT: THE OPENING OF MILITARY OMBUD OFFICES**

The South African Military Ombud will officially open their offices on Tuesday, 14 May 2013 at Eco Fusion 5, Highveld Ext 70, Pretoria from 10:45.

In March 2012 Parliament passed Military Ombud Bill and has since been assented to by the President. The Military Ombud Act, 2012 provided among other things, the establishment of an independent Office of the Military Ombud.

The office was launched last year on 12 May under the leadership of Lieutenant General Themba Matanzima, mainly to contribute materially as a last recourse for the complaints and grievances management within the military.

You are cordially invited to send a journalist and/or photographer/cameraman to cover the event.

**Ends**

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