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THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE (DOD) ANNOUNCES THE ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS PROGRAMME 2016/16: NATIONAL RESULTS

The Department of Defence Annual Environmental Awards Programme originated in 1983 to inspire bases, units and members of the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) to honour their responsibility towards the natural and built-up environment under their control as well as to give recognition to these units and individuals for their contribution to environmental management in the military.

As an incentive for, and in recognition of units and individuals' contributions to various aspects of Military Integrated Environmental Management (MIEM), various externally sponsored floating trophies, awards and certificates in eight categories are awarded annually at the national level.

The award function for the 2015/16 programme was hosted at the DOD Logistic Support Formation Combined Club on Wednesday, 26 October 2016. On behalf of the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, the Secretary for Defence and the Chief of the SA National Defence Force, the following trophies and awards were handed over to the winners and certificates to the runners-up:

➤ **“Endangered Wildlife Trust” Floating Trophy for Ecological Management**

Winner: 4 Special Forces Regiment

Runners-Up: 5 Special Forces Regiment

Air Force Base Makhado

➤ **“Caltex” Floating Trophy for Base Environmental Management**

Winner: 5 Special Forces Regiment

Runners-Up: Air Force Base Langebaanweg

Air Force Base Ysterplaat

➤ **“Professor Kristo Pienaar” Floating Trophy for Environmental Education and Training**

Winner: 4 Special Forces Regiment
 Runners-Up: Air Force Base Langenaanweg
 Air Force Base Swartkop

➤ **“Rand Water” Award for Water use Efficiency**

Winner: Air Force Base Langebaanweg
 Runners-up: Air Force Base Overberg
 Air Force Base Makhado
 Air Force Base Waterkloof

➤ **“South African National Energy Development Institute” Award for Energy Use Efficiency**

Winner: Air Force Base Overberg
 Runner-up Air Force Base Langebaanweg

➤ **“Keep iThekwini Beautiful” Award for Integrated Environmental Management**

Winner: Air Force Base Ysterplaat
 Runners-up: Armed Forces Day 2016 Environmental Team
 Air Force Base Langebaanweg

➤ **“SA National Parks” Floating Trophy for Military Integrated Environmental Management**

IEMS Maintenance: Air Force Base Overberg

➤ **“Conservamus” Floating Trophy for Individual/Team Contribution to Environmental Services**

Winner: Lieutenant Colonel M.A. Misapitso, School of Artillery
 Runner-up: Armed Forces Day 2016 Coordinating Committee
 Makhado Rehabilitation Team

Congratulations to all the winners and runner-up in the various categories on their unique achievements in contributing and supporting environmental management, sustainable resource utilisation and minimising the negative impacts of military activities on all bases, units and military training areas.

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