MEDIA STATEMENT

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Subject: THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE NOTES WITH CONCERN ILL-INFORMED ATTEMPTS TO CAST ADVERSE DOUBTS ON ITS MEMBERS AND EQUIPMENT

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) has noted with concern a video clip on social media platforms depicting an SA Army Rooikat Light Armoured vehicle involved in an uncontrolled swerving towards spectators in SANDF uniform. There were neither injuries suffered nor damages reported.

The SANDF can confirm that the incident happened during a practice run for the Armed Forces Day 2020 Capability Demonstration at the Roodewal Bombing Range. The Range is a controlled area that is utilised by SANDF personnel and equipment.

It is regrettable that there are individuals who hide behind pseudonyms whilst intentionally portraying the SANDF negatively by posting and or commenting adversely against it with ill intentions of casting doubts about its personnel and equipment to the unsuspecting publics.

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