Bigger Goodwill Parcels were donated than ever

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An improved and larger hamper is awaiting the families of SANDF members who are deployed externally, beyond the borders of South Africa.

This year more sponsors donated food and beverages for the goodwill parcels than ever before. Massmart co-ordinated sponsorships from Huletts, Simba, Nampak Corrugated, Colgate-Palmolive, Snackwox, Unilever, Oceana Group Limited, Premier Foods, Nestle, Tiger Brands, Kelloggs, Cadbury, Bokomo and Bull Brand to donate food parcels for the families of the deployed SANDF members.

The contents of the new 2009 goodwill hamper for the families of members deployed externally, beyond the borders of South Africa. The SANDF Spouses' Forum obtained sponsors for the forum. The goodwill parcels were packed by the staff of 10 Air Depot, assisted by the senior warrant officers of the SANDF.

Col T.K. Dawes, Officer Commanding of 10 Air Depot, symbolically hands over the 2009 Goodwill Parcel to Ms Busiswe Ngwenya, Chairperson of the SANDF Spouses' Forum and wife of the Chief of the SANDF. This year the goodwill hamper is better and bigger than ever before, thanks to its many sponsors.

Ms Busiswe Ngwenya, Chairperson of the SANDF Spouses' Forum and wife of the Chief of the SANDF, sincerely thanked all the sponsors for their generous contributions and the superb hampers.

"The deployed members are making great sacrifices and these goodwill parcels for their families are only a small token of our thanks for their efforts and sacrifices," Ms Ngwenya said. Col T.K. Davies, Officer Commanding of 10 Air Depot, and his staff who provides storage and helped to pack the hampers, hosted a function on 14 October 2009 to thank the sponsors and the SANDF Spouses' Forum represented by Ms Elizabeth Magalefa, Ms Anthea Schoeman and Ms Faith Malinga, all three also generals' or admirals' wives.

Senior Warrant Officers from all the Services also attended the occasion under the auspices of the Master Chief Warrant Officer of the SANDF.