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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

SA SPECIAL FORCES REGISTERED TRADEMARKS AND THE USE THEREOF

The South African Special Forces Heritage Foundation NPC (SASFHF) is the rightful and duly registered owner of a series of South African Special Forces names, emblems and trademarks and holds the official legal right to deal and use the names, emblems and trademarks for whatever reason in terms of the 'Republic of South Africa Trade Marks Act, 1993'.

None of the registered items or proficiency badges or any replica may be used or worn unless it has been legally awarded and issued to a qualified person, nor may it be sold, exchanged, used in book, movie or video titles, utilized to market adventure tours and events, duplicated or traded by any individual or entity. Doing so will be against the law.

Any other entities that have used, or intend to use any of the registered names, emblems, trademarks or badges without the official authorization of the GOC SA Special Forces and SASFHF do this illegally and may be prosecuted for infringement of the Act on registered trademarks. Wearing any Special Forces Insignia on any dress by anyone that is not entitled to do so is in contravention of the law and will be dealt with in the appropriate way.

The names, emblems and trademarks include:

- The name "RECCE"
- The Name "Special Forces Operator"
- The SA Special Forces "Operators Badge" (In any class i.e. Silver, 10 Years, etc)
- The SA Special Forces "Attack Divers Badge"
- The South African Special Forces Beret Badge
- The South African Special Forces Association (SASFA) name and Logo / Badge
- Any of the South African Special Forces Shoulder Flash badges / Emblems

<u>None</u> of the above Names or Emblems may be used in any form or format <u>or in a way that resembles the names or emblems</u> (printed, electronically, molded, casted, sculptured, crafted or in any other way), without the explicit permission of the SASFHF.

Should there be anyone interested to make use of any of the above mentioned in any form or format, such entity or individual should apply in writing to the GOC SA Special Forces and the SASFHF to do so. A graphical design of the emblem or name, intent of use and for what purpose should be communicated. This application must be sent to sasfhfceo@recce.co.za and copied to sasfachair@recce.co.za. The request will be presented to the Recce Group Board for a decision. The applicant will be informed of the decision. Only if approved, and once contractual aspects have been finalized, the applicant will be allowed to continue according to the guidelines and mutually agreed contract.

The GOC SA Special Forces and the SASFHF will defend their rights to protect the registered names, emblems and trademarks and legal action will be taken as deemed appropriate in each case.

Any <u>qualified</u> Special Forces Operator who has been issued with any of the above insignia/badges and intends selling or donating them, is requested to firstly approach GOC SA Special Forces and the SA Special Forces Heritage Foundation for the first option to purchase or safeguard the items. Should the qualified Special Forces Operator decide to sell or donate any of the items it is requested that the details of the sale/donation be made visible to the SA Special Forces Heritage Foundation in order to ensure that the movement of the item(s) is still controlled in order to prevent 'rogue' copies being made and sold of the same article/item.

Kindly adhere to the procedure and assist the SASFHF to protect and preserve the South African Special Forces image and heritage.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

Respectfully,

Niek du Toit CEO SASFHF

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