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KING MAKHOSOKE II OF THE NDEBELE NATION TO LEAD THE ANNUAL KING SILAMBA COMMEMORATION IN WALLMANNSTHAL

King Makhosoke II of the Ndebele nation will lead the annual commemoration of King Silamba. The commemoration is an annual event that takes place at KoMjekejeke (Wallmannsthal), north of Pretoria. The venue for the commemoration, KoMjekejeke, was declared a national heritage site in 1989 by the National Monument Council of South Africa, after the establishment of King Silamba Trust in 1985. The Trust was established with the sole intention to reclaim the area and to develop it for cultural benefit of the Ndebele nation and Africans in general.

During the commemoration, Ndebele cultural activities such as dances and artifacts will be displayed. Minister for Co-operative and Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA), Mr Des van Rooyen and MEC for COGTA in Mpumalanga, Ms Refilwe Mtshweni, Executive Members of the Mpumalanga House of Traditional Leaders and traditional leaders from Lesotho and Zambia are amongst the dignitaries invited.

The commemoration is significant as it celebrates the evolution of the Ndebele nation. It also serves as a platform to share valuable anthropology to the youth about history and heritage.

The commemoration will take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, 04 March 2017

Venue: KoMjekejeke, Wallmannsthal

Time: 09H00

The media is invited. For confirmation and RSVP, contact **Ms Lefentse Nkosi** on **013 766 6929 or 082 964 4732 or <u>lefentsen@mpg.gov.za.</u>**

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