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DSACR TO HOST PUBLIC VIEWING AREA FOR 2019 RUGBY WORLD CUP FINAL

The South African Rugby Team (also known as the Springboks) have reached the final match of the 2019 Rugby World Cup currently hosted in Japan. The Springboks have waged a successful world cup campaign thus far under the leadership of Coach Rassie Erasmus and Captain Siya Kolisi albeit their loss to New Zealand in the group stages of the tournament. They have beaten respected opponents such as Japan, Canada, Namibia and Wales. The Springboks will now contend for the Webb Ellis trophy against a formidable England squad on 02 November 2019 at the International Stadium Yokohama in Yokohama, Japan.

To this effect the Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation will host a Public Viewing Area (PVA) for the 2019 Rugby World Cup match and all members of the public are encouraged to wear their Springbok attire, bring along camp chairs to watch the final match at the PVA that is organized as follows:

Date: 02 November 2019

Time: 09h00

Venue: Hoffman Square, Bloemfontein

Entrance: Free!

Speaking about this initiative, MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation Mrs. Limakatso Mahasa stated that, "As a Department we have organized a PVA because we realize that sport is an important tool that we can use to foster social cohesion and nation building. South Africans of all races are

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rallying behind the Springboks and this PVA will be a melting pot where all our citizens will gather in unity to fly our nation's flag high. The national project of reconciliation and redressing past injustices is a continuous one especially for a young democracy like ours and sport remains a fundamental instrument that unites all of us. Undoubtedly, we are confident that the Springboks will bring the Webb Ellis trophy home. Go bokke!"

Your media house is invited to cover this event.

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