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MEC MAHASA CONGRATULATES SA NETBALL TEAM FOR REACHING WORLD CUP SEMI-FINALS

The Free State MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation Ms. Limakatso Mahasa congratulates the South African national netball team (also known as the SPAR Proteas) for reaching the semi-finals at the Netball World Cup currently held in Liverpool, England. The 2019 Netball World Cup is the 15th edition of the premier international netball tournament and commenced on 12 July 2019 and will end on 21 July 2019.

South Africa will, for the first time since 1995, compete in the semi-finals of a Netball World Cup. They will face the reigning world champions, Australia, in the semi-finals on 20 July 2019. Despite losing 47-58 to England in stage two of the Preliminaries on 17 July 2019, South Africa's world cup campaign has been successful hence the national team has won most of their matches. South Africa has beaten teams such as; Trinidad and Tobago, Fiji, Jamaica, Scotland and Uganda.

Congratulating the South African Netball team the Free State MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation Ms. Limakatso Mahasa stated that, "The Department is immensely proud of our national netball team for reaching the semi-finals at the Netball World Cup currently underway in England. As the Free State Province we are particularly proud of Khanyisa Chawane, Maryke Holtzhausne and Karla Pretorius who are from our province. These three athletes are products of our sport development programme through the Free State Sport Science Institute. Their overall contribution to the national team is highly recognized and appreciated."

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