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Mr Enrico De Barbieri
Honorary Consul of the Republic of South Africa
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Milan, 31st May 2010

Dear Honorary Consul De Barbieri,

I would like to thank you very much indeed for your kind invitation to attend the South African event in Genoa tonight, 31st May 2010, where my country will be promoted through a South African dinner at the restaurant "Tre Merli".

Unfortunately, a tight schedule and the absence of Ms Mantanga, our Corporate Services Manager, will preclude me from being able to attend the event in your town. It is, therefore, with sincere regret that pressing work commitments do not afford me the possibility of accepting your very courteous invitation.

I wish to again thank you most sincerely for having organized this important event and I would also like to express my gratitude to you for your great commitment and contribution.

Once again, please accept my apologies for not being able to attend the event tonight but I would like to say that I will be in Genoa with my spirit and I am convinced that you will be able to, not only represent, but also promote South Africa in this auspicious occasion in the best possible way. I sincerely hope that you will continue to fly the flag for my country, as you did so far.

Your support and commitment to South Africa and its people are fundamental and very much appreciated.

I look forward to the opportunity of meeting with you again in the very near future.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'N. Nokwe', with a small mark to the right.

Dr N Nokwe
Consul-General