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The HEAD COACH: BANYANA BANYANA

Ms Desiree Ellis

BANYANA BANYANA PLAYER

Ms Chrestinah Thembi Kgatlana

Dear Head Coach, Dear Thembi

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

On behalf of the SAFA President Dr Danny Jordaan, the SAFA NEC, the entire SAFA Membership and staff, I take this opportunity to congratulate you both on a wonderful achievement in recognition of your efforts during 2018!

For you Coach Ellis, the CAF WOMEN'S COACH OF THE YEAR award must take pride of place in your years of commitment to the game, as you served your country with pride and distinction as a player, and you have carried this forward now as a coach from the touchlines. What makes your award special is the fact that you competed as the only female against male counterparts and came out on top.

You have certainly showed true resilience in your efforts to make BANYANA BANYANA a force to be reckoned with on the continent, and in a very short time now, you will have the opportunity to pit your skills against some of the best on the biggest stage of women's football, the FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP FRANCE 2019™!

As for you Thembi, you are making the world your playing field, as you continue to score awards recognizing your talent at every level and facet of the game. The CAF GOAL OF THE YEAR must rank as an extremely special one, in that your strike competed in an open category against many seasoned male campaigners. Your eye for the gap and your nifty speed has made you an elusive striker, causing havoc for many a defense.

As for the CAF WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR award, this crowns a glorious year for you too, as you raked in many Player of the Match awards throughout the year, and bears testament to your consistency on the field of play! Your acceptance speech surely touched the hearts of many young South African females, as you provided further motivation for them to follow in your "*not so easy side steps*".

Whilst you both make SAFA walk tall with pride, and continue to make SASOL and the Nation proud, thanks too must go to the BANYANA BANYANA Head of Delegation, the technical team and players, who helped carry you onto that stage last night!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Yours faithfully



Russell Paul
Acting Chief Executive Officer