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The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia presents its compliments to the Department of International Relations & Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa.

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has the honour to inform that the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has included the Republic of South Africa among the countries targeted for the Direct Hajj Program, starting from the Hajj season of 1447 AH/2026.

The Royal Embassy wishes to note that this decision forms part of the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah's ongoing efforts to facilitate the performance of Hajj rituals for pilgrims of various nationalities, through the provision of electronic services and the enhancement of digital transformation in Hajj and Umrah services. It also entails the establishment of an integrated technical infrastructure that accommodates the diverse needs and circumstances of users, ensuring their access to services with ease and without obstacles, while offering a variety of service packages to suit different needs and preferences.

Moreover, the platform provides its services directly to the pilgrim without the need for intermediaries, thereby enhancing transparency and credibility. Additionally, it offers post-booking services to facilitate communication between the pilgrim and the relevant authorities, allowing for direct assistance.

It is noteworthy that the Direct Hajj platform "Nusuk" was launched several years ago and has achieved wide success in serving the pilgrims from over 120 countries.

Furthermore, the quota for South African pilgrims has been determined in accordance with data available to the relevant authorities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, amounting to 1,140 pilgrims, in line with the proportional allocation given to each country based on the size of its Muslim population.

The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of International Relations & Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa the assurance of its highest consideration.

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