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## **Press Release: SALUTE AND CELEBRATION OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR**

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On Monday, 4 June a number of public events will be held at the V&A Waterfront to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. From 1900hrs a flotilla of Royal Cape Yacht Club boats will sail past the Hildebrand Ristorante and into the Victoria Basin, and the Cape Town Highlanders will march from Ferryman's Restaurant to Nobel Square.

For the best views, visitors to the V&A Waterfront can position themselves on Nobel Square. A marquee will be erected if the weather is inclement.

At 1920hrs the British Consul-General, Mr Chris Trott will light a beacon which will be followed by a six-gun salute to mark the 60 years of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's reign. Both the British and South African national anthems will be sung.

The Diamond Jubilee marks Her Majesty's 60<sup>th</sup> year on the British throne which makes Her Majesty the longest reigning Queen in the world. Queen Elizabeth is the second-longest serving British monarch; Queen Victoria reigned for 64 years (20 June 1837 and 22 January 1901).

Speaking from Cape Town, Chris Trott said:

*"This is a truly memorable occasion and we are proud to be working with the V&A Waterfront to help celebrate it."*

V&A Waterfront Executive Manager of Strategic Marketing, Chantelle Cole spoke on behalf of the V&A Waterfront and said:

*"We are pleased to help mark this auspicious occasion. The V&A Waterfront has a long-standing relationship with the British monarchy, dating back to 1870 when Prince Alfred opened the Breakwater Basin, which today forms part of the property."*