

Warrant 3 of 2023

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**WARRANT**

by

HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE EMMERSON D. MNANGAGWA, G.C.Z.M., President of Zimbabwe and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of Zimbabwe.

WHEREAS it is desirable to grant recognition for responsibilities that preserve the wellbeing and sovereignty of Zimbabwe or achievements that catapults and uplifts the stature of Zimbabwe and resonates and restores her to the glory equal or beyond that of the era of the Great Zimbabwe;

AND WHEREAS, in terms of the Honours and Awards Act [*Chapter 10:11*], it is provided that the President may, by warrant issued under his hand, create honours and awards:

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the powers vested in the President as aforesaid, I do, by this my warrant, hereby create an Order of the highest category of commendation awards to be styled the Order of Great Zimbabwe comprising *three* awards and specify in relation thereto the following rules:—

**RULES RELATING TO THE ORDER**

*Interpretation of terms*

1. In these rules—

“appropriate head of department” means in relation to—

- (a) a person in the employ of the State, the Secretary of the Ministry concerned, the Commander of the Army or Air Force, the Commissioner-General of the Police or the Prisons and Correctional Services as the case may be;
- (b) a person in the employ of a body corporate established directly by any enactment for special purposes, the head of that body corporate;
- (c) any other person, a minister or deputy minister, a chief or a mayor;

“Gold Medal” means the Order of Great Zimbabwe Gold Medal Award referred in rule 2;

“Medal” means the Platinum Medal, Gold Medal, or Silver Medal Award referred to in rule 2 as the case may be;

“Order” means the Order of Great Zimbabwe, the second highest category from the Order of Merit, medals comprising of the Platinum Medal, Gold Medal, and Silver Medal referred to in rule 2;

“Platinum Medal” means the Order of Great Zimbabwe Platinum Medal Award referred to in rule 2;

“Silver Medal” means the Order of Great Zimbabwe Silver Medal Award referred to in rule 2;

*The order*

2. The Order shall comprise of the following awards—

- (a) Order of Great Zimbabwe Platinum Medal Award;
- (b) Order of Great Zimbabwe Gold Medal Award; and
- (c) Order of Great Zimbabwe Silver Medal Award.

*Description of decoration*

3. (1) The decoration which shall be issued in connection with Order of Great Zimbabwe Platinum Medal Award decoration shall be in the form of an octagonal medal which—

- (a) is of shiny platinum with a gloss finish;
- (b) is ninety-two millimetres in diameter;
- (c) bears on the observe the conical tower of the Great Zimbabwe between two trees, a Zimbabwe bird obstructing part of the right side of the conical tower, the sun with its shining rays on the top right of the conical tower placed between the tree tops on either side of the conical tower, one smaller tree on the right of the tree next to the conical tower and Zimbabwe bird, with two smaller trees on a shorter wall on the left side of the conical tower, all of this is restricted to a circle that

is inscribed within each of six, semi-circular notched, points of the octagon, with the suspending aperture positioned between the two non-notched points of the octagon above the conical tower while the reverse is inscribed the words “Order of Great Zimbabwe”;

(2) The decoration which shall be issued in connection with Order of Great Zimbabwe Platinum Medal Award decoration shall be in the form of an octagonal medal which—

- (a) is of shiny gold with a gloss finish;
- (b) is ninety-two millimetres in diameter;
- (c) bears on the observe the conical tower of the Great Zimbabwe between two trees, a Zimbabwe bird obstructing part of the right side of the conical tower, the sun with its shinning rays on the top right of the conical tower placed between the tree tops on either side of the conical tower, one smaller tree on the right of the tree next to the conical tower and Zimbabwe bird, with two smaller trees on a shorter wall on the left side of the conical tower, all of this is restricted to a circle that is inscribed within each of the six, semi-circular notched, points of the octagon, with the suspending aperture positioned between the two non-notched points of the octagon above the conical tower while the reverse is inscribed the words “Order of Great Zimbabwe”;

(3) The decoration which shall be issued in connection with Order of Great Zimbabwe Platinum Medal Award decoration shall be in the form of an octagonal medal which—

- (a) is of shiny silver with a gloss finish;
- (b) is ninety-two millimetres in diameter;
- (c) bears on the observe the conical tower of the Great Zimbabwe between two trees, a Zimbabwe bird obstructing part of the right side of the conical tower, the sun with its shinning rays on the top right of the conical tower placed between the tree tops on either side of the conical tower, one smaller tree on the right of the tree next to the conical tower and Zimbabwe

bird, with two smaller trees on a shorter wall on the left side of the conical tower, all of this is restricted to a circle that is inscribed within each of the six, semi-circular notched, points of the octagon, with the suspending aperture positioned between the two non-notched points of the octagon above the conical tower while the reverse is inscribed the words “Order of Great Zimbabwe”;

(4) Every Medal shall be suspended on a ninety-seven millimetre sash consisting of seven, equal width, vertical stripes of the flag of Zimbabwe.

(5) The recipient’s title and name, or number, rank and name, as the case may be, shall be impressed on the rim of the metal.

#### *Eligibility for Medal*

4. (1) The Platinum Medal may be awarded to a deserving Zimbabwean Heads of State for preserving the wellbeing and sovereignty of Zimbabwe upon retirement;

(2) The Gold Medal may be awarded to Zimbabwean Vice Presidents for preserving the wellbeing and sovereignty of Zimbabwe upon retirement;

(3) The Silver Medal may be awarded to any citizen whose achievements uplift Zimbabwe to a world renowned stature, equal or beyond that enjoyed in the era of the Great Zimbabwe.

#### *Award of Medals*

5. (1) The Medals shall be awarded on the authority of the President, following upon the recommendation of the appropriate head of department.

(2) The Medals may be awarded posthumously in accordance with regulations made in terms of the Act.

(3) The Chief Secretary to the President and Cabinet shall advise the Registrar of Honours and Awards of names of persons to whom the Medal, and any bar thereto has been awarded.

*Effective date*

6. These Honours and Awards shall be effective from the 1st January, 2005.

Given under my hand and public seal of Zimbabwe at Harare this fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three.

E. D. MNANGAGWA,  
President.

