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**EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO AL ANWAR SA HUJAAJ 1440**

I trust this communiqué finds you in the best of health and *imaan, ameen*.

Let me state that I am penning this letter on behalf of my wife Nasieba and myself. At the same time, I'm undoubtedly certain that these sentiments are likely to be echoed by all our fellow *Hujaaaj*.

I would like to convey our sincere thanks and appreciation to you and your team for their behind-the-scenes support and in penning a personal note from back home. It's the finer detail that makes this journey all the more special!!!

I'm sure we cannot even begin to comprehend the enormity of the time, effort, dedication, commitment and personal sacrifice that your team has garnered to bring this Holy Mission to fruition, *Alhamdulillah*.

From here in the Holy Lands, so far your team has exceeded all our expectations in going beyond the call of duty to make this Holy Journey a beautiful, memorable and spiritually enriching experience, *Alhamdulillah!*

By the Grace and Mercy of Allah SWT, we have been blessed, on the most important journey of our lives, with an array of events that have beautified this *Haj*. Allah SWT has indeed favoured us and we will never be able to show enough gratitude towards Him.

We make *duah* that Almighty Allah SWT keep this team in His Protection, enable you to continue to be of service to our community and pray for your success in this *dunya* and *aakhirah*, *Ameen*.

We say *Jazakallah* to yourself, Raafiq Harris, Achmat Harris and Auntie Zainab Harris, together with an exceptional team of spiritual guides - MI Abdurahman Khan, Sh Gasant Adams and MI Mohammed Lutta for the beautiful, spiritually uplifting sessions (hajj sessions, dhikr, group tawafs, etc) that have added an invaluable educational aspect to the days leading up to *Haj!* As the saying goes, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" - Keep the formula the same if it works well!

Having said that, the real test were to be the days of Hajj and your success would definitely be measured on your performance over this period! To this, I must say, we were in excellent hands!

MI Abdurahman Khan and Imam Gasant Adams were extremely supportive and keeping us focussed with their advice, guidance and constant reflection on the true essence of *Haj*, *Alhamdulillah*.

Even now, after the days of Hajj, we are still blessed to sit at the feet of our scholars, with MI Abdurahman Khan conducting classes on the Shama'il (characteristics) of Allah's Beloved, our master Muhammad ﷺ.

It is as if the treasure chests of knowledge continue to flow, *Alhamdulillah*.

May Allah bless and accept all the efforts in creating an enabling and conducive environment for us to draw even closer to our *Rasool* and Creator.

We make *duah* that Allah SWT grants and increases the AL ANWAR SA team in good health, strength, patience, tolerance and continued success in the execution of this SERVICE TO HUJAAJ, *insha'Allah*.

To our fellow travelers - you have all been amazing and displayed beautiful social cohesion and brother/sisterhood, *Alhamdulillah!*

It was an absolute pleasure to be on this journey with people we did know even know prior to this - and now it is as if you were always part of our lives!

May Allah SWT protect us all in the coming days as we journey home to Cape Town and beyond, accept of us all our sacrifices, good deeds and grant us all a *Haj Maqbul* and *Mabrur*, *Ameen thumma Ameen*.

Yours in Islam.

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