

SAA Cargo congratulates Toyota imperial

PRETORIA: South African Airways Cargo (SAA Cargo) has congratulated Toyota Imperial for coming second in the Dakar Rally.

"SAA Cargo congratulates Toyota Imperial SA team for their achievements during the Dakar Rally. The SAA family is on Toyota Imperial SA's side and wishes them all the best in future races. They have certainly made South Africa proud," SAA Cargo's general manager Tleli Makhetha said on Thursday, 24 January 2013.

SAA Cargo which is the national airline partnered with Toyota South Africa Motors for the Rally which is the world's biggest off-road motor racing extravaganza.

SAA Cargo - which expressed pride in being associated with the race - carried the official team South Africa vehicles participating in the Dakar Rally in South America. The rally took place between 5 and 19 January.

The Dakar Rally is seen as the pinnacle in off-road motor racing and the ultimate test of vehicle durability.

When the Toyota Imperial SA team approached SAA Cargo with a proposal for a partnership, Africa's most awarded airline viewed this as an opportunity to showcase SAA Cargo's capability to transport all types of cargo while supporting team South Africa in the rally.

Toyota Imperial SA team performed exceptionally well and finished the 2013 event in the second position overall. Giniel de Villiers and co-driver Dirk von Zitzewitz achieved four podium positions in four races and drove their Toyota Hilux 4 x 4 to its second podium position in two successive years.