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ALBATROS APPOINTED TO DO AMATEUR HANDICAPS IN 2010

Albatros Golf Solutions (Albatros) has been awarded the South African Golf Association (SAGA) and Women's Golf South Africa Central Handicap Server tender, it was announced today.

The Central Handicap Server will act as a repository for scores recorded by amateur golfers at golf courses affiliated to provincial unions who are members of the SAGA and WGSA. The server will be programmed to calculate current handicaps and make this information available to golf clubs and players.

"After nearly four months of evaluation the SAGA and WGSA concluded that Albatros' submission was the best fit for amateur golf," said Enver Hassen, President of the SAGA. "Albatros will be providing this service to amateur golfers as from 1 February 2010," explained Hassen.

"We are indeed honoured to be awarded the tender," said Volker Schorp, Managing Director of Albatros.

Albatros is a German company that has specialised in golf IT since 1986. It is based in Karlsruhe, Germany. "In June last year we opened an office in South Africa," said Schorp.

"Albatros currently provides the interface in various parts and formats and the operation for a central handicap file server in five countries," pointed out Gareth Beesley, South African Executive Manager of Albatros. The countries are Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Russia and now South Africa. Other countries in which Albatros operates are France, Italy, The Netherlands, Bulgaria and Turkey.

"The WGSA and SAGA were looking, through the tender process, to work with a company that had experience in the provision of services through a central handicap server. Albatros not only displayed this but also provided added benefits that will assist us in developing business opportunities to our mutual benefit," said Erica Lefson, WGSA President.

Hassen pointed out that further detail on the roll out of the services envisaged, through its partnership with Albatros, will be provided in due course. "We plan to hold workshops with stakeholders over the coming weeks in which the detail regarding roll out to clubs will be concluded and thereafter communicated."

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