

## Statement on the death of Nelson Mandela

**Siemens AG – with its 362,000 employees worldwide and 1,600 employees in South Africa – joins with the people of South Africa in mourning the passing of Nelson Mandela. “With the death of Nelson Mandela, we bid farewell to a man who is admired and honored all around the world for the battle for freedom that he waged unflinchingly and with total personal commitment. His unconquerable will, his charisma and his lifetime of achievement will remain for us a model and an inspiration,” said Siemens President and CEO Joe Kaeser.**

Nelson Mandela’s battle for freedom sprang from a deeply felt desire to improve the lives of his fellow men and women. In this connection, the education of young people was particularly dear to his heart. “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world,” Nelson Mandela once said. By helping construct the Mandela School of Science & Technology in Nelson Mandela’s hometown of Mvezo, Siemens is supporting this vision. The school will open in January and serve as a symbol that the spirit of Madibas’ lifework lives on.

With a capacity for up to 700 students, the school will make an important contribution to improving the educational and professional opportunities of future generations.

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