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opensource software translation project

INTERNATIONAL PRESS RELEASE:

Top Multilingual Technology Organisation Honoured

South Africa, 5 February, 2007: Translate.org.za, leading developers of multilingual software, have won a coveted Pan South African Language Board (PanSALB) award for their contribution to multilingualism and nation building over the last decade.

PanSALB hosted a gala event in Johannesburg honouring organisations which have made an impact in the advancement of multilingualism in the new South Africa.

The award 'Multilingualism and Nation Building: eBusiness Institution of the Decade' is recognition for Translate.org.za's ground breaking work in the area of multilingual software. This work recognises Translate.org.za's historic invention of the country's first multilingual keyboard, open source spell checkers, and translation of software such as OpenOffice.org and Mozilla Firefox, as well as their ongoing effort to work with universities to train students to translate software through a [Translate@thon](#) programme.

Says Dwayne Bailey, Director of Translate.org.za, "Ngiyabonga kakhulu! We are very honoured to receive this award, especially as it is given by our peers and because it recognises our contribution over many years to all of South Africa's official languages."

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Notes to Editors:

Translate.org.za is a South African non-profit organisation that continues to advance the development of mother tongue language software and technology in South Africa and helps others across Africa to develop software in their own languages.

The Pan South African Language Board (PanSALB) is a statutory body established to create conditions to develop and promote the equal use and enjoyment of all the official South African languages. It actively promotes an awareness of multilingualism as a national resource.

The technologies created by Translate.org.za can be downloaded for free:
<http://www.translate.org.za/>

Further information about the awards is available:
<http://www.tenaka.co.za/stage/thebe/index.html>

Dwayne Bailey from Translate.org.za is available for interviews. His fields of specialisation include:

- Free and Open Source Software
- Multilingualism
- Software translation
- Language rights advocacy

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