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Standard Bank hold braai to mark Freedom Day

Standard Bank staff will be getting a taste of home when they celebrate South African Freedom Day on Friday 25th April with a breakfast on the Braai.

The braai – a South African barbecue – will feature a range of traditional South African and English fare such as boerewors (South African sausage), bacon and vegetarian sausages. The staff breakfast will be held on the terrace at Standard Bank's offices in La Motte Street between 8am and 10am and some of Standard Bank's Jersey Directors will be picking up the tongs and cooking up a storm.

The Chief Executive of Standard Bank Offshore, is South African Ian Gibson. He said: "While Standard Bank is a global banking group, it is important that our staff recognise our roots in South Africa. Freedom Day is a crucial landmark in South African history and it is right that we should celebrate it. Our breakfast on the braai will act as a reminder of the day's importance and I hope our staff will thoroughly enjoy the breakfast we cook for them!"

A South African national holiday, Freedom Day marks the date on which the first democratic election was held in the country in 1994. Standard Bank has its headquarters in South Africa and can trace its South African roots back to 1862, when the Standard Bank of British South Africa Limited was established. Around 10 South African staff currently work in the Bank's Jersey offices.

Mr. Gibson said: "All food will be free for the staff, although they will be able to make a donation to go towards *Help an African Schoolchild* charity. Standard Bank will also match all money raised by staff at the event."