



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS
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SUBJECT: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS LAUNCHES THE NATIONAL DEFENCE INDUSTRY COUNCIL ON 03 MARCH 2016

On Thursday 03 March 2016, the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula will host the launch of the National Defence Industry Council (NDIC) at Birchwood Hotel and OR Tambo Conference Centre, in Kempton Park.

This follows a statement made by Minister Mapisa-Nqakula wherein she announced the formation of the NDIC during the annual Defence Industry Day which was held on 21 March 2012. The NDIC is also expressed in Chapter 15 of the Defence Review 2014.

The NDIC endeavours to enable the Departments of Defence and Military Veterans to develop and/or preserve what has been identified as sovereign and strategic defence capabilities with the full cooperation and understanding of the South African Defence Industry.

The formation of the NDIC, also follows on government's stated objective of assisting the local defence industry to develop a footprint on the global defence market, with the view of assisting the local defence sector, generate job creation and help grow the economy, while cultivating a strong skills base in the sector locally.

You are invited to send a journalist and/or cameraperson to cover the event, as follows:

Venue: Birchwood Hotel and OR Tambo Conference Centre, Kempton Park

Date: 03 March 2016

Time: 08h30 for 09h00

Ends.

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