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## **MEDIA INVITATION**

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**Subject: AFB SWARTKOP OFFICERS COMMANDING CHANGE OF COMMAND PARADE TO BE HELD AT AFB SWARTKOP WEST PARADE GROUND ON 03 MARCH 2017**

The South African Air Force (SAAF) is set to make a historical milestone since its inception in 1920 and post-democratic dispensation in 1994. The SAAF will bestow the leadership of a Base to a first female commander since the two epochs.

On Friday, 03 March 2017, Air Force Base (AFB) Swartkop will officially salute the new Officer Commanding of the Base, Colonel Johanna Schoeman in a traditional military Change of Command Parade, which will be held at AFB Swartkop West. The parade is scheduled to commence at 17:30. As a first female Commander of a SAAF Base, Colonel Johanna Schoeman takes over the commandership of AFB Swartkop from Brigadier General Jacobus Crous.

AFB Swartkop will also witness a triple Change of Command involving 17 Squadron, 500 Squadron and SAAF Museum. Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col) Bianca van Vollenstee will take over the reigns as Officer Commanding, 17 Squadron from Lt Col Isaac Moreetsi. The protection arm of the Base, 500 Squadron, will welcome Lt Col Rapule Boshomane as the new Officer Commanding. And, after leading the SAAF Museum into the best SAAF Training Unit for the year 2016, Lt Col Thor Fredericks will hand over the reigns to the new Officer Commanding of the Unit, Major Gavin Bruintjies.

You are cordially invited to send a journalist and or a photographer to cover the event. Journalists assigned to cover this event should RSVP as depicted below, on or before 01 March 2017.

**ENDS.**

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